

Turkey 'given priority' Japan to get extra oil

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia has informed Japan of its decision to supply an additional 140,000 barrels of crude oil a day to Japan in the October-December period to make up for the shortfall caused by the Iran-Iraq war, Japan's Kyodo news service reported Friday. Quoting high-ranking officials of the international trade and industry ministry, Kyodo said the oil will be supplied to Japan at about \$35 a barrel on a government to government basis.

Earlier, Saudi Arabia said it would provide Japan with 40,000 barrels of crude oil a day in the October-December period at \$32 a barrel. Japan imported 1.37 million barrels of crude oil a day from Saudi Arabia as of August, accounting for 34 per cent of Japan's total crude imports.

Also Turkey, whose oil supplies have been severely hit by the Iran-Iraq war, has been offered hope for short and long-term relief by Saudi Arabia.

A Turkish foreign ministry spokesman said in Ankara, that during a visit to Riyadh at the weekend Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen secured agreement for Saudi Arabia to give Turkey priority in an emergency plan to help countries whose supplies were disrupted by the conflict.

He also said the Saudi Arabian government had agreed in principle to enter a long-term bilateral agreement to supply oil, the first such accord between the two countries.

Iraq, Turkey's main supplier, and Iran

Lebanese city shelled; infant killed, 9 wounded

BEIRUT, Nov. 14 (Agencies) — An infant was killed and nine other persons wounded in a shelling attack on the Lebanese coastal city of Sidon by the Israeli-backed Christian militias of renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Izzat Haddad, provincial sources said Friday.

Haddad's shelling of the provincial capital of southern Lebanon was in retaliation for what he alleged was the kidnapping of three villagers inside the enclave controlled by his Christian militias along the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Haddad last week shelled the coastal city of Tyre further south. In another development, Lebanese reconnaissance jets overflew the Lebanese capital drawing a barrage of anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian ground forces

Bush said welcomed by Arabs

WASHINGTON Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 — Vice President-elect George Bush is expected to play a major foreign policy role in the new Reagan administration, according to political sources — a development that should be welcomed by America's allies in the Arab world.

In the first year or two of his administration, Ronald Reagan wants to focus his efforts on reviving the American economy, sources said. He is believed likely to assign any foreign policy chores to Bush, who has served as ambassador to the United Nations, was director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Reagan is expected to rely on Bush's foreign experience in making policy decisions, and to send the vice president abroad to explain his policies to foreign leaders.

Analysts expect Bush to assume an active presidential advisory role similar to that enjoyed by Walter Mondale in the Carter administration. But whereas Mondale has advised Carter on domestic matters, Bush will focus on foreign policy, the analysts said.

Insiders regard Bush as a skilled foreign affairs specialist who understands the strategic importance of good relations between the U.S. and the Arab world.

Carter, Begin agree: Camp David 'cornerstone' for peace

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (R) — President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin agreed that the Camp David talks must remain the cornerstone of Middle East peace efforts despite the slow pace of the Palestinian autonomy.

Begin conferred with the president for an hour on Egyptian-Israeli autonomy negotiations and how the talks might be affected by Carter's election defeat.

Remarks made by both leaders to reporters after the meeting appeared to indicate that a summit with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat had been ruled out before Carter is elected by President-elect Ronald Reagan on Jan. 20.

Carter said Wednesday that a summit was possible but unlikely while he was in office, and Thursday neither he nor Begin mentioned the conference that had been planned before Reagan's victory on Nov. 4.

Begin said as he left the White House that the 1978 Camp David accords, which led to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and the negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, were a sacred trust.

"We have to find a way to bring into realization (the Camp David) agreement on full autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs," Begin said. "It may take some time. We have to be patient because it is a historic conflict. It did not start yesterday. It might not finish tomorrow."

3 Americans killed in C-141 crash as RDF trains in Egypt

CAIRO, WEST AIRBASE, Nov. 14 (AP) — The fatal crash of a C-141 military transport plane marred the start of operation Bright Star Thursday, the first test of America's Rapid Deployment Force in the Middle East. All 13 American victims on board were killed.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said the plane, one of several involved in the deployment of 400 army troops and airmen from the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, crashed on the desert dunes on its last approach to the airbase.

Although Pentagon officials have stressed a joint Egyptian-American operation was under way before the outbreak of the Gulf war, the two-week exercise here is to give the Americans the desert practice they will need to send up to the United States commitment to defend the West's oil supplies following from the oil fields.

The charred debris of the giant craft, including six sets of intact wheels were spread over one square kilometer north east of the base which is located 32 kilometers west of the Egyptian capital, Cairo.

The cause of the crash was not known. Viewed through a telephoto lens it appeared to have exploded on impact. An embassy spokesman here said it may have been the fuel but discounted the possibility that it may have been caused by weapons on board.

The aircraft, ferrying equipment needed for the desert war games, was dispatched from McChord Air Force Base in Washington state, Pentagon officials said.

Military police ringed the plane's ruins told reporters and photographers they had orders to shoot anyone approaching the area. American military officials, including the commander of the operation, Marine Lt. Gen. Paul Kelly were on the site investigating the debris for clues, the guards said.

The names of the 13 victims were withheld pending notification of the next of kin. Their bodies were flown out of the base at midday Thursday by another C-141 and sources said they were being returned to the United States.

Egyptian ministry of defense spokesman, Gen. Mohamed Hamdi, told a news conference arranged prior to the crash, that the incident



STOCK PHOTO: King Khaled and the Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

Iraq downs 8 Phantoms Abadan siege 'broken'

BEIRUT, Nov. 14 (Agencies) — Iran said it had downed eight U.S. Phantom fighters in a month-long Iraqi siege of Iran's major oil refining city of Abadan Friday, but Iraq said its tanks "tightened the Abadan stronghold" behind relentless artillery barrages and helicopter gunship raids as the war on the Gulf's northern flank moved into its 55th day.

Also Iraqi anti-aircraft positions downed eight Iranian Phantom and F-5 fighters Friday during an Iranian raid on Iraqi civilian targets, the Iraqi news agency INA reported.

Iraqi forces, meanwhile, launched several air strikes Friday on "enemy" military targets in the southern sector of the front, destroying six assault tanks, five troop transports, six artillery pieces and eight armored vehicles, the agency said.

Citing an Iraqi high command communiqué, INA said that 41 enemy troops were killed Thursday night and Friday morning in combat in various regions.

The agency said that Iraqi anti-aircraft defense forced Iranian planes to withdraw after they struck civilian targets in the areas of Erbil and Sulaimaniyah in the north and Musina and Mosul in the southeast.

Fifteen Iraqi soldiers were killed during that strike. Other Iraqi losses included an assault tank, eight armored vehicles and three heavy guns, INA said.

Ground fighting appeared to slow in the northern sector of the war front while Iran claimed its forces pushed back Iraqi troops about 4 miles (6 kilometers) from the oil refining city of Abadan, under Iraqi siege for almost a month.

Iranian troops "silenced" Iraqi artillery shelling the provincial capital, Ahwaz, an official statement from Tehran reported. It said some 300 Iraqis were killed.

Both countries reported fighting on the bridge over the Karun River dividing the important Iranian port city of Khorramshahr. Iraq controls most of the city, but Iranian forces are entrenched on the east side of the span and guarding the road to Abadan, 10 miles (16 kilometers) to the south.

Tehran radio broadcasts and reports from Iran's official news agency Pars said Abadan's defenders "punched large holes" in the Iraqi siege, pushing enemy troops four miles back from the city's northeastern approaches in "incessant breakthrough assaults."

One Pars report said Iranian forces counter-punched across the strategic Bahmanshir River that runs north-south along Abadan's eastern flank. They set up permanent positions east of the river for the first time since the Iraqi siege was clamped and enemy attempts to move across mobile bridges west of the river were beaten two weeks ago, Pars said.

Pars claimed palm groves opposite Abadan's northeastern approaches east of the Bahmanshir were cleared from the enemy in a mop-up campaign mounted in the last three days.

"The number of slain and wounded of the enemy infidels was so high that it was impossible to get precise casualty statistics," a Pars dispatch claimed.

Baghdad radio broadcasts said tank-led

Khaled requests Kuwaiti details on rocket attack

RIYADH, Nov. 14 (Agencies) — King Khaled Friday requested details of the recent rocket attack on northern Kuwait and hoped that there were no casualties or damage. The King cabled the Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah for details following reports that a warplane had fired two rockets on the Abdali district Wednesday.

"Saudi Arabia will come to Kuwait's aid against any danger it is exposed to," said King Khaled in a message he dispatched to Kuwait's ruler. The text of the message was broadcast by Riyadh radio.

Prince Fahd also telephoned Sheikh Al Sabah who briefed him on the attack. Sheikh Al Sabah said the situation was normal and that no harm or damage was caused. Prince Fahd affirmed Saudi Arabia's solidarity with Kuwait.

All Arab Gulf states followed Saudi Arabia, in support to Kuwait, Kuwait, lodged a formal complaint against Iran for the Wednesday rocketing of the northern AL-Abdali border post along the international Kuwait-Iraq highway. Kuwait asked the Iranian government for guarantee against a repetition of the attack.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Ambassador in Kuwait Ali Shams Ardakani said that the Iranian air force was continuing to strike at Iraqi positions and that it was possible that some neighboring areas might have been hit by mistake.

Ardakani who was called to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to receive a protest note said that his country respected Kuwait's sovereignty and meant it no harm, and that it would be better if the area of the conflict is not widened.

A Kuwaiti government statement said neither of the two exploding rockets caused any damage or casualties in the desert outpost that controls highway traffic into southern Iraq.

"Kuwait hopes that the two countries will agree on a suitable formula for ceasing fire and holding negotiations with a view to resolving their disputed questions," Abdul Aziz Hussein, minister of state for cabinet affairs told reporters following a cabinet session.

"We are keen on the two countries' reaching of an accord that would preserve the rights of the both parties," he said.

Hussein said that Iran's announcement that it would receive an envoy of the U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim "raises optimism." He also welcomed report from Tehran that the Iranian government had asked clarifications for proposals presented by Cuban foreign minister for ending the hostilities. "We hope the reports are true," he

Said. The original Kuwaiti announcement of the incident had said an unidentified war plane had fired two rockets which exploded harmlessly near a cluster of buildings in the uninhabited Abdali border region.

However, a subsequent Iraqi military communiqué said its forces shot down three Iranian Phantoms during Wednesday's battles in the Shatt al-Arab area and that one of the planes crashed in flames in Abdali.

The Kuwaiti daily newspaper *Al-Siyassah* said the rocket-firing incident was deliberate. It quoted military experts as saying the pilot had probably dropped the rockets in an attempt to reduce weight after his jet was hit.

"Since the eruption of the Iraq-Iran war, Kuwait has been well aware that being close to the battlefields meant something like yesterday's incident could happen any time," the paper added.

Kuwait is the closest uninvolved country to Shatt al Arab estuary on the Gulf, where the fiercest land, sea and air battles have been taking place in the Iraq-Iran border war, now in its 54th day.

Accounts of the attack differ and the motives are not clear, although in the early stages of the war Iran repeatedly accused the Gulf states of helping Iraq and threatened retaliation.

Diplomatic sources in Kuwait said the only known military target in the area was an Iraqi post of about 200 soldiers in the no-man's-land between Abdali and the Iraqi border post of Safwan.

But since the war closed Iraq's only ports at the head of the Gulf, the road through Abdali has been an increasingly important supply route. In peacetime five berths in Kuwait's port are allocated entirely to cargoes for Iraq and diplomatic sources report the transit trade stepping up since war broke out on Sept. 22.

The main route for imports to Iraq is now the Jordanian port of Aqaba, which is handling double amounts of cargo. The Iranian Air Force tried to block that route a month ago by bombing Falluja west of Baghdad, where a bridge carries the road from Jordan across the River: Euphrates.

Trudeau enroute to Saudi Arabia

OTTAWA, Nov. 14 (AFP) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau left here Thursday night for Saudi Arabia, first stage of a two-week middle East tour. On his way back he is due to visit Bonn and Paris.

SABIC releases annual report

RIYADH, Nov. 14 — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation released its annual report describing the four joint venture agreements for industrial expansion.

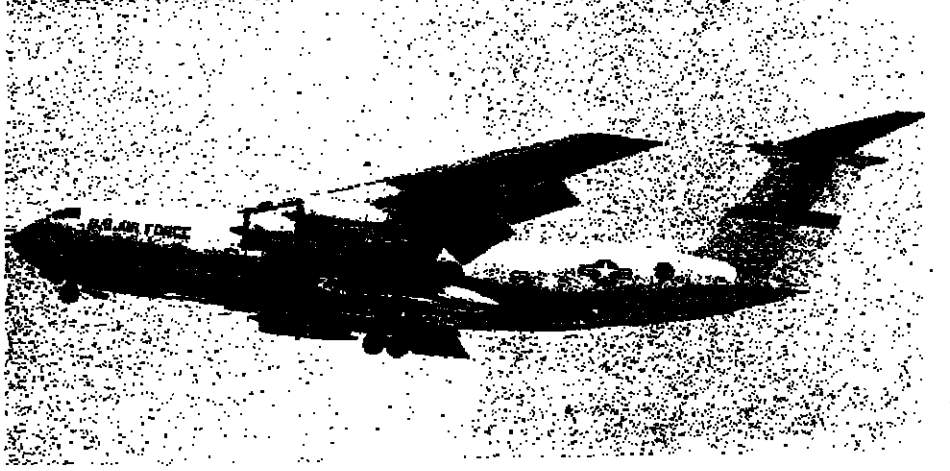
Arabic compulsory in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov. 14 (AP) — Arabic will be introduced as a compulsory subject in Malaysian boarding schools in a move aimed at preparing students who want to study in Arabic countries, officials said Thursday. The ministry of education's religious education director, Omar Tohman, said the ministry was recruiting Arabic language teachers in Saudi Arabia. Malaysia is a Muslim country and has close ties with Arab countries.

Qaddafi expected in Syria soon

AMMAN, Nov. 14 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi is expected in Damascus in the next 24 hours for major talks with Syrian leaders on the projected union between Libya and Syria, the Jordanian daily newspaper *Al Rai* said here Friday.

The talks would result in "important measures" toward the union, the paper added without quoting sources.



CRASHED Picture above shows a C-141 StarLifter, currently the ministry of the USAF Airlift Command, similar to the one that crashed in Egypt killing 13 Americans on board.

would not affect operation "Bright Star." He said that from a military stand point casualties can occur in such operations.

A similar crash occurred three months ago killing two Americans. Their F-4E plane, one of 12 fighter bomber jets was involved in operation "Proud Phantom," joint U.S. Egyptian exercise that lasted 90 days. It was

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UNESCO, OIC sign agreement

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Nov. 14 — The Organization of the Islamic Conference and UNESCO will launch an joint international action program to mark the advent of the 15th Hijra century, according to an agreement concluded here Thursday between OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti and UNESCO Director General Mohamed M'bow.

The program includes a congress on the contribution of Islamic universities to world culture; a project for the preservation and the publication of Islamic manuscripts; exhibitions and publications; and a project for the preservation and restoration of Islamic historical monuments and cities.

In addition, a joint OIC-UNESCO committee has been set up, within the context of a cooperation agreement between the two organizations, and will meet periodically twice a year to take stock of the progress accomplished and propose new activities. There will also be an exchange of visits and training between officials of the two organizations.

M'bow and a high-level delegation from UNESCO visited the OIC General Secretariat at the invitation of the secretary general, Nov. 12-13, and worked out with OIC officials the details of the joint action program.

Welcoming M'bow on Wednesday, Chatti noted that the two organizations work for the consolidation of international peace and cooperation. He expressed the OIC's support for UNESCO's activities, especially regarding Jerusalem, the establishment of a new World Information and Communications Order, and the preservation of humanity's cultural heritage.

Chatti said that UNESCO was foremost



Habib Chatti

among international organizations that categorically rejected the Zionist practices in the occupied Arab territories, including the altering of the latter's demographic, human, cultural, spiritual and social features. And UNESCO is firmly proceeding in this direction, he added.

Chatti, who returned a few hours earlier from a visit to Paris during which he conferred with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, said the OIC is at present preparing a series of international drives and initiatives to expound the Islamic world's historic and political rights over Jerusalem. The OIC, he said, also attaches a great importance to the preservation of the Islamic cultural heritage. He promised more efforts to widen the scope of cooperation between the OIC and UNESCO.

M'bow expounded UNESCO's cultural programs, stressing that they rest on the principle that Third World countries' education needs to be developed while taking into consideration every country's cultural identity. He also underlined the importance for Islamic countries to revive the era when they brought valuable contributions to science and technology that the West now enjoys. He also dwelt on the necessity of establishing a New World Information and Communications Order wherein the news agencies of developing countries, of what Islamic countries are part and parcel, would have a more equitable share in the international flow of news and communications. M'bow congratulated Chatti for the strong impetus he gave to the



Ahmed Muhtar M'bow

OIC through his relentless efforts until it has become one of the major poles in international relations.

On Thursday, Chatti also received Turkish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Fikret Bereket, and exchanged with him the signing instruments of an agreement whereby the Turkish government will grant diplomatic immunities and privileges to one of the branches of the OIC in Ankara: the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries.

Chatti said he is confident that the Turkish government, which hosts the center, will spare no effort to ensure its success as it is one of the most important assets of the OIC. The center helps in the exchange of information on economic cooperation and technical cooperation between or among Islamic countries. It also undertakes exhaustive research on various economic issues for OIC members. Chatti noted that Turkey also plays host to the OIC's Islamic Arts and History Research Center in Istanbul.

The OIC secretary general gave a reception Wednesday in honor of M'bow, which was attended by a large number of prominent personalities, including Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal.

Meanwhile, experts from OIC member states ended a two day meeting at the OIC General Secretariat Thursday evening on a final text for an agreement for the promotion, protection and guarantee of inter-Islamic investments. The text will be submitted to the Third Islamic Summit.

Prince meets Chinese president

TAIPEI, Nov. 14 (SPA) — Chinese President Chiang Ching-kuo conferred here Thursday with Deputy Minister of Interior Prince Ahmad ibn Abdul Aziz.

He told the prince that China is ready to cooperate with the Kingdom in all fields and to place its expertise at the service of Saudi Arabia's development projects. Prince Ahmad, in turn, thanked the president for the genuine cooperation of the Republic of China in regard to the construction and development of Saudi Arabia.

President Chiang also presented to Prince

Ahmad a Chinese medal of the first order in appreciation of his efforts to foster the already good relations between the two countries. The meeting was attended by the Chinese minister of foreign affairs and interior, the national security chief, the chief of protocol, the official spokesman, and Sheikh Ahmad Ali Abu Esh, the Saudi charge d'affaires in Taipei.

Prince Ahmad also was received Wednesday by prime minister Sun-Yu Suan. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Saleh Abu Al-Khail, assistant undersecretary

for administrative affairs; Maj. Gen. Yahya Al-Moalimi, assistant public security chief for operations; and Sheikh Ahmad Abu Esh. The talks dealt with the ways and means of cementing and boosting cooperation in the various areas, especially security. The premier also gave a dinner in honor of Prince Ahmad and the accompanying delegation.

The prince Thursday afternoon visited the Political War Academy in Taipei. He toured its various sections and was briefed on its activities, which center on the study of Communist methods and ideology and their dangers to society.

BRIEFS

Khaled congratulates Hussein

RIYADH, Nov. 14 (SPA) — King Khaled congratulated King Hussein of Jordan on the occasion of his birthday Friday. King Khaled wished the Jordanian monarch good health and happiness and success and prosperity to the people of Jordan.

Ali in Kuwait

JEDDAH, Nov. 14 (SPA) — Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, Islamic Development Bank president, left here Friday for Kuwait to attend the fourth meeting of heads of Arab development funds and organization and the Islamic Development Bank. The meeting opens in Kuwait Saturday at IDB office. The meeting will discuss coordination of the activities of the Arab development funds and the Islamic Development Bank in financing various projects in the third world.

Student affairs highlighted

RIYADH, Nov. 14 (SPA) — The students' affairs department of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University held a preparatory meeting for the second students' affairs departments of the Kingdom's universities to be held between Dec. 22 and 24th. The seminar's major topic will be the role of the students' affairs departments in creating the personality of a Muslim student. It will be organized by the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran, and will be attended by all national universities.

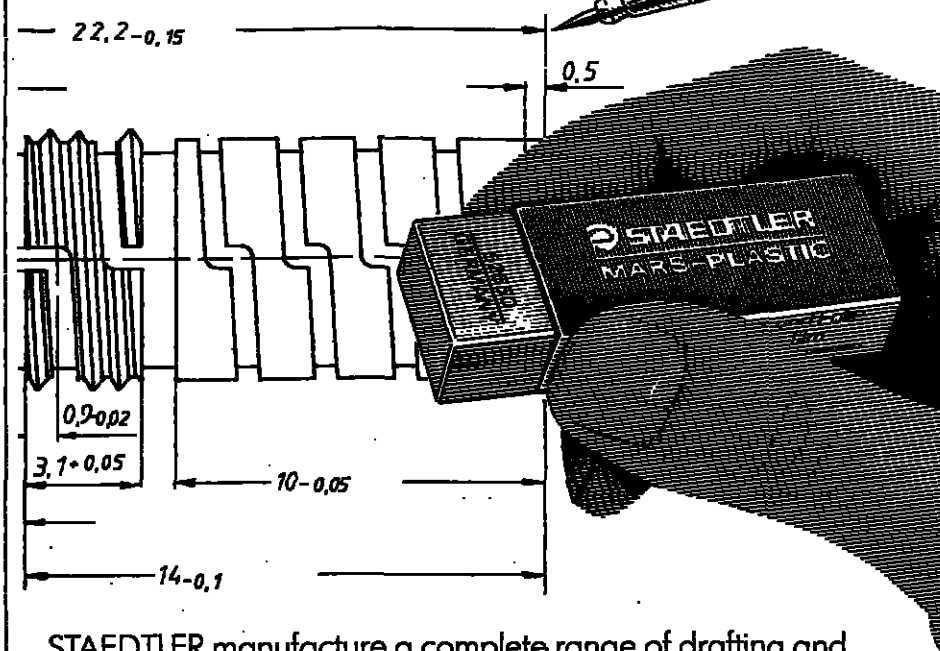
Referees meeting held

RIYADH, Nov. 14 (SPA) — Dr. Saleh ibn Nasser, chairman of the Saudi Arabian Volleyball Union, presided over a meeting of national volleyball referees at the Youth Welfare here Wednesday. Dr. Nasser, who is also deputy minister of information for radio and television and member of the Saudi Arabian Olympic committee emphasized the role of referees in making the forthcoming volleyball tournament successful.

Aff projects approved

JEDDAH, Nov. 14 — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs approved SR29 million projects for the Municipality of Aff. The projects involve opening new streets in the town, a station for taxis, a parking area for private cars near the major mosque in Aff.

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SABIC report details industrial projects

RIYADH, Nov. 14 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) in 1979 signed four joint venture agreements for building industrial petrochemical and mineral resources complexes, the corporation's annual report said Wednesday.

The four agreements, signed with international partners, involve the steel and iron mill complex in Jubail, the steel mill factory in Jeddah, the joint methanol project in Jubail and the fertilizer complex in Jubail also.

The report said that by signing these agreements SABIC has put into action the Kingdom's plans for building and developing its petrochemical industries. The steel and iron mill complex in Jubail, built by the Saudi Steel and Iron Mill Company — also owned and to be run by the steel and mill company, was the first industry that SABIC fulfilled its agreement.

The complex is a significant development in the Kingdom's industrial history, the report said. The steel and iron mill will be a

comprehensive complex where natural gas will be used as fuel in treating iron ore and transforming it to a finished product for the construction industry.

The mill's production capacity will be 850,000 tons annually. The first phase of the complex is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 1983. A contract for building the first phase had been awarded in September last year.

Another of the four joint ventures is the steel mill in Jeddah, which is considered as an expansion and modernization of one of the Kingdom's basic national industries. After the expansion, the factory's production will rise from 10,000 tons of steel rods to 120,000 tons annually, the report said.

While the methanol complex agreement was signed between SABIC and a consortium of Japanese companies implementing the Kingdom's plans to set up and develop the petrochemical industries. The methanol project will handle natural gas and transform it into basic chemical material of varying uses. The greater portion of the production will be export-oriented. The factory will operate a total capacity of 600,000 tons in a year, and is

expected to begin operation by the beginning of 1983.

The fourth joint venture was signed between SABIC and the Republic of China last year for a fertilizer-producing complex last year. The joint venture, Jubail Fertilizers Company, will use the methanol gas as a primary material for producing 300,000 tons of ammonia. The ammonia will be changed to half a million tons of urea annually. The complex, considered one of the major petrochemical industries, will come into operation by the end of 1982.

Meanwhile, SABIC announced Friday that it is planning completion of the first phase of its industrialization program by concluding six phased agreements with international partners. These agreements involve construction of petrochemical complexes based on ethylene, a polyethylene factory and a methanol factory.



ADVERTISING FACT: Publicis, an advertising and public relations company in Lebanon, announced that it linked up with Ted Bates, the world's fifth largest advertising agency. Publicis will act as sole representative of Ted Bates in the Middle East. Photo shows Antoine Andrea, managing editor of Publicis and Costas Paganianopoulos, director of the Middle East division of AC and R Bates group of agencies signing the contract.

Kingdom's trade boosts Houston's port traffic

HOUSTON, Nov. 14 — Cargo being shipped to and from Saudi Arabia has again helped the Port of Houston increase its general cargo movement by 20 per cent, compared to the same period a year ago, *Saudi Business* magazine reported.

"Saudi Arabian traffic through the port surpassed our record previously set by Japan several years ago," explained Ed Horn, director of the Port of Houston. "Ever since that time, business with Saudi Arabia has been responsible for business increases registered at the port every year."

Horn said the effects of a national recession have been little felt on the Houston waterfront. He said overall tonnage at the port was down about 10 per cent, but said that was good news because it indicates the United States is progressing toward the achievement of its national energy goals.

"The major decline in total tonnage through the port was due to a decrease in the amount of crude oil imports and petroleum products with crude imports and product exports both off sharply. Shipments of crude oil declined from 21.8 to 17.6 million tons, while shipments of petroleum products declined from 34.6 to 29.2 million tons, for a combined decrease of 9.5 million tons," he said.

He added that figure more than accounts for the decrease in overall tonnage of 8.6 million tons, from 89.3 million tons last year, to 80.7 million tons for the first three quarters of 1980.

Total general cargo tonnage for the period increased from 6.5 million tons in 1979 to 7.8 million tons this year.

Import tonnage was up by more than 28 per cent and exports by 9 per cent for an over-all increase in general cargo foreign trade of 19 per cent.



SEMINAR: Sales and marketing in the Kingdom was the subject of two seminars held by Thieme in London and Paris in which public relations, press and business personnel took part. A film, in English was shown in London and a similar one in French was shown in Paris highlighting the development of advertising and marketing in the country and Thieme's role in it. The seminars were organized by Tala Dulaimi, vice-president of Thieme and Robert Hummel, sales development manager.

COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat

I have reviewed recently the order issued by the Ministry of Communications about taxi fares inside the cities and must say that the tariff was fair to both owner and passenger. But, to my mind, there is something even more important than the fare structure and this includes the standard of the car, model year, air conditioning and above all cleanliness.

In the past, as older readers will remember, taxis were almost always clean and tidy as their owners, recognizing the great value of their property, took special care to maintain and clean their cars. The passenger had no worry about that. But in due course, as the demand for taxis exceeded the supply at one point, the owners could not care less and the cars became very dirty things to use.

With this in mind, I should like to draw the attention of the ministry to the importance of laying down conditions for the kind of car that should be licensed as a taxi. With the cooperation of the Ministry of the Interior the taxis will be compelled to adhere to the regulations and thus present the passengers with a clean place to sit and attractive car to ride.

Back to the fares. I hope that the ministry has taken steps to display the new tariff so that it may be seen by the largest number of people and that policemen everywhere have been told to see that it is respected and to intervene between driver and passenger in case of dispute about the fare.

Regarding national economy
Riyadh U to discuss budget

JEDDAH, Nov. 14 — Riyadh University Faculty of Administrative Sciences will organize a session on the subject of the general budget and its uses as a tool for economic development, it was reported Friday. Under the auspices of Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, Riyadh university rector, and the supervision of Dr. Fayez Ibrahim Al-Habib, head of the economy department of the administrative sciences faculty, the session will be opened Saturday and continue for two weeks.

A committee, set-up for supervising the session, announced that registration for the session began on Wednesday. The session will discuss lectures on various aspects of the general budget preparation and control. Dr.

Habib said that the course will be attended by national qualified scholars, senior government officials and some members international financial organizations as the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The session does not only provide exchange of academic information, but it organizes a scientific and practical dialogue between members of the Saudi Arabian universities' staff and officials in charge of preparing, carrying out and controlling general budgets. "In other words, the session secures a scientific meeting and practical dialogue between the scientific theories and, practical and applied ones," Dr. Habib added.

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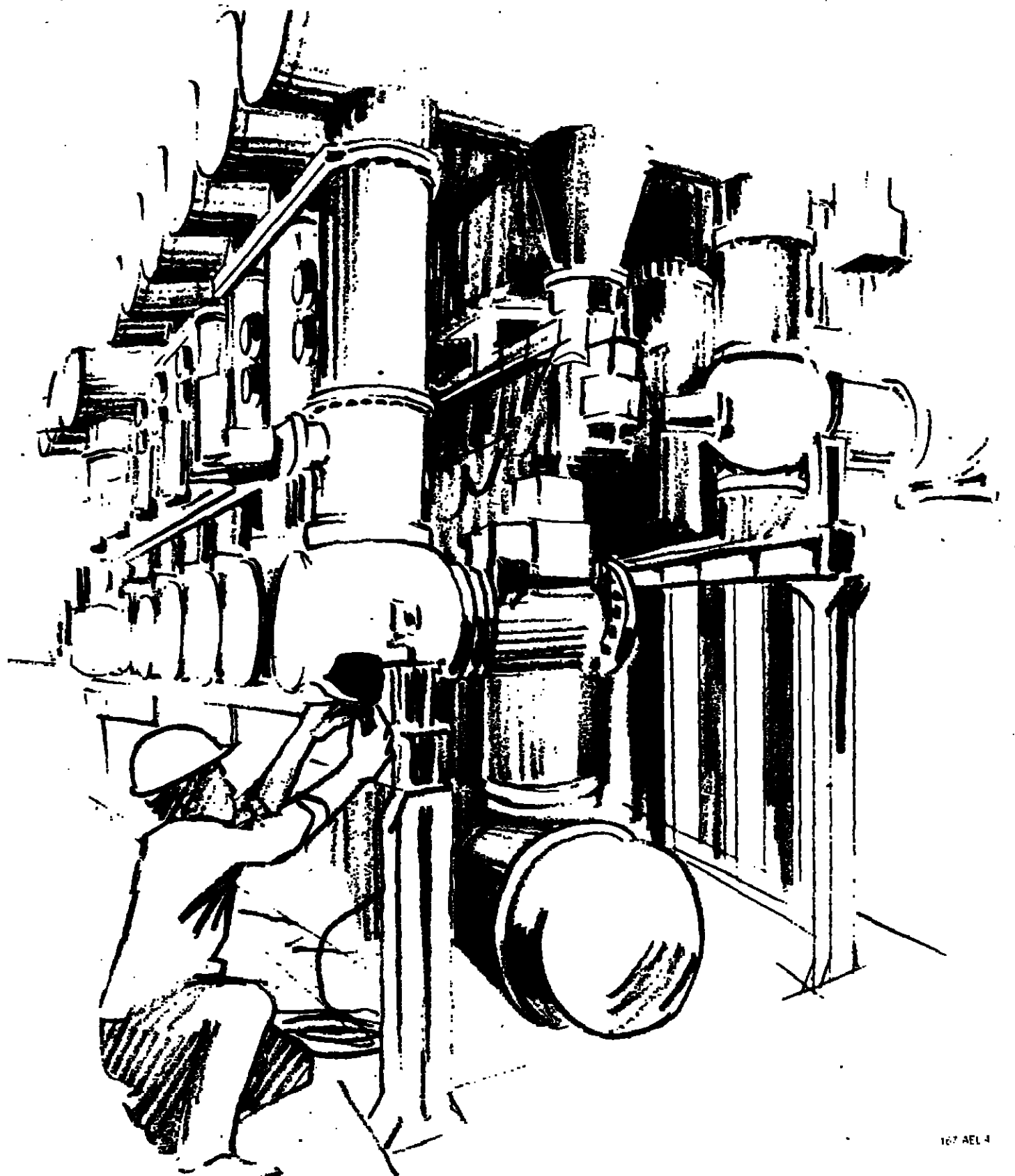
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EEC urged to recognize PLO

Arabs, Europeans agree to boost ties

LUXEMBOURG, Nov. 14 (Agencies) — Europeans and Arabs have called a ministerial meeting next summer in an effort to reinforce their move to build a special relationship. The two sides agreed Thursday at the end of a two-day meeting, which revived the so-called Euro-Arab dialogue, to explore ways of improving cooperation in all fields.

A two-day meeting of representatives of both the European Common Market and the Arab League agreed to hold a meeting at the higher level of foreign ministers next summer to decide on concrete steps in their future closer relations.

Both sides agreed the next meeting would have to be very carefully prepared. A working group was put to task with instructions to decide the place, agenda, organization and date of the ministerial meeting.

The Euro-Arab dialogue, started after the first oil crisis in 1973, was interrupted last year when Egypt signed the Camp David peace with Israel. Both sides in their joint communique Thursday applauded the resumption of their dialogue and confirmed their willingness to cooperate in all fields: political, economic, technical, financial, social and cultural.

Paul Helminger, secretary of state for foreign affairs of Luxembourg, who headed the Common Market delegation, stressed the Euro-Arab dialogue was no substitute for the Camp David agreement, but an action of its own aiming at improving consultation and conference.

The Arab delegation, headed by Ahmad Sedki Al Dajani, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization Executive Committee,

insisted again on the need for the Common Market to recognize the PLO as sole representative for the Palestinian people. This would be "an essential step in the efforts toward a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," the Arab delegation said in the communique.

Dajani pointed out that the PLO was a full member of the Arab League and played an active role in Euro-Arab dialogue. He said the Palestinian problem was the central issue to this dialogue, and should be the focal point of the conference.

The PLO official described the Camp David agreements as a dismal failure. He said that they had only aggravated the situation in the Middle East, citing recent Israeli attacks on South Lebanon and "aggression on the Palestinian people" of the occupied West Bank.



Kurt Waldheim

Israel rejects U.N. plan for withdrawal

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 14 (AP) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, in a report published Thursday, disclosed that the United Nations had contingency plans for deploying peacekeeping forces in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories if they were needed to facilitate Israel's withdrawal.

But the report also made clear that Israel continued to reject a four-year-old U.N. plan under which it would give the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank to the United Nations and the United Nations would transfer them to the Palestine Liberation Organization to be turned into a Palestinian state.

The report included a letter to Waldheim from Israel's Ambassador Yehuda Blum claiming U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 of 1967 was the only agreed basis for a negotiated Arab-Israeli settlement and terminating current Egypt-Israel-U.S. post-Camp David talks the only approach "within the realm of the possible."

The 1967 resolution calls vaguely for Israeli withdrawal from "territories occupied" in the Arab-Israeli war of that year.

In citing it, Blum was by implication rejecting the plan for U.N. help in creating a Palestinian state, put forward by the U.N. Palestinian Rights Committee, approved by the General Assembly but vetoed by the United States in the Security Council.

Waldheim filed his report under a resolution the assembly adopted July 29 that called for Israel to start withdrawing by Nov. 15 from all occupied territories and for implementation of the Palestinian statehood plan.

The emergency session was called at the urging of the PLO and its supporters after the United States vetoed a somewhat similar resolution in the Security Council on April 30.

Zia using Islam to perpetuate regime, Pakistan lawyers claim

PESHAWAR, Nov. 14 (R) — A convention of Pakistani lawyers has accused President Zia ul-Haq of using the Islamic religion to perpetuate his "illegal rule and charged him with breaking promises to hold elections."

They voiced their criticism Thursday at the third national convention which lawyers have held this year to demand the restoration of democracy and an end to military rule.

Gen. Zia said last month that general elections would be held for Pakistan and hinted that he intended to hold a referendum on establishing an Islamic form of government. He would remain in power until this came about.

The lawyers said there was no question of challenging Pakistan's status as an Islamic state. They passed resolutions declaring that "the sole issue requiring the verdict of the people of Pakistan is the continuation of Gen. Zia's illegal regime."

Malik Muhammad Qasim, chairman of the Pakistan Lawyers' Action Committee, told the convention that if there were to be a referendum it must be on whether to continue martial law rule or to hold elections. He said that the lawyers and the country's banned political parties would make sure that a referendum on any other topic was boycotted.

Turkey cracks down on extremists

ANKARA, Nov. 14 (Agencies) — Turkey's military authorities have announced a new crackdown on extremist parties of right and left, issuing arrest warrants for 130 officials of small movements operating openly before the Sept. 12 coup.

An Ankara military court prosecutor told reporters 91 officials of organizations related to the far right National Movement Party whose leader Aslan Turkes, is under arrest, had already been rounded up.

Warrants were issued for 89 others who worked in affiliated organizations, including

Commenting on Zia's measures regarding Zakat (wealth) tax, Qasim said: "The people do not want Zakat and his version of Islam. They want social justice in all walks of life."

The lawyers have been staging conventions since Zia changed the constitution this year to prevent any legal challenge to his government. Eighty lawyers were arrested at the first and the second last August was broken up by tear gas and baton charges.

The lawyers have failed so far to expand their agitation to include Pakistan's banned and divided political parties. They are demanding an end to press censorship and martial law, general elections within 90 days of the creation of an interim government, the abolition of military courts and political restrictions, and the release of political prisoners.

They intend to hold conventions every two months and hope to attract representatives of trade unions and peasants as well as political leaders to the next in January.

Six hundred lawyers took an oath at Peshawar Thursday to struggle for the complete restoration of the country's constitution. They agreed to stop paying television and radio licenses fees as a protest against censorship of the press and said they would hold a one-day boycott of courts on Nov. 10.

youth and militant wings held responsible for violence.

The prosecutor said those arrested were being sought in connection with violent incidents in which 13 people had died before the generals seized power.

Meanwhile, security forces seized 8.5 kilograms of "pure" heroin in a village of Mardin, in southeastern Turkey, the Turkish state radio reported Thursday. The haul was said to be worth at least one billion Turkish liras (\$11 million).

Pakistan, Nepal urge Soviet pullout from Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 14 (R) — King Birendra of Nepal and Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq have called for the immediate withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

A communique issued after talks between the two leaders Thursday also said the Nepalese monarch supported Pakistan's proposals to make the South Asian region a nuclear

weapons free zone.

Pakistan endorsed Birendra's hope to have Nepal recognized internationally as a zone of peace. Birendra left Friday for Nicosia at the end of a three-day state visit to Pakistan.

In speeches at a banquet given by Zia in honor of Birendra, the two leaders also called for an early end to the Iranian-Iraqi war and a negotiated settlement.

Thai minister lauds Israel for agricultural aid

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14 (AFP) — Visiting Thai Agriculture Minister Banbarn Silpaacha has thanked Israel warmly for increasing agricultural aid to his country. Speaking at a banquet given for him Tuesday by Israeli Housing Minister David Levi, he paid tribute to the technological knowhow supplied by

Israeli irrigation experts in Thai land.

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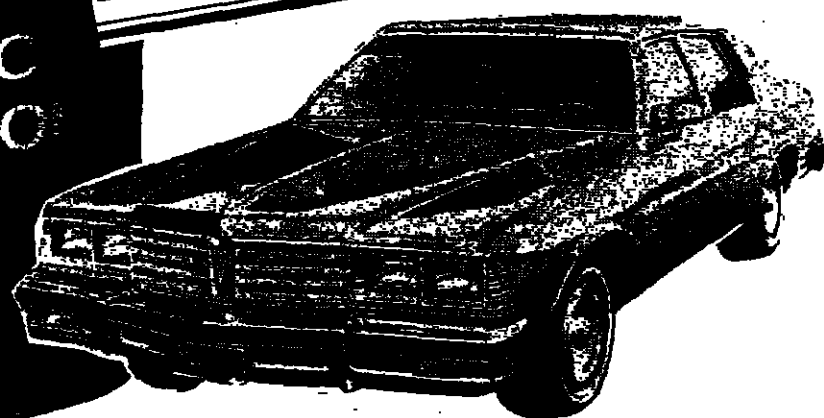
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CIVIL WAR: guerrillas attack a building in Beirut

Gun-carrying children shatter Beirut's peace

Survived in Beirut: A Diary of Civil War, By Lina Mikdadi Tabbara, Onyx Press, London, £2.50.

By F.W. Rawling

This is vivid and moving story of the impact of the civil war upon an individual. Though her stark account we can understand the tragedies of ordinary people, men, women and children, old and young, most of them innocent of any offence. They have been caught up by the terrifying forces of hatred and violence and tossed about like leaves in a tempest.

Lina Tabbara was born in Baghdad. Her father is Palestinian and her mother, Lebanese. When she was 12, the family moved to Beirut and settled there. 'Survival in Beirut' has become a literary success and it is translated from the French for this edition by Nadia Hijab.

For those who have lived in the Middle East and who have sympathized with the plight of the Lebanese, Lina Tabbara's book is a revelation of what it is like to be in a city which is being torn apart by factional fighting. Here the only law is tooth and claw. With an acute eye she records for us the terrors and uncertainties of being questioned at barricades by children with machine guns. We learn of the cynicism and hardness of heart of those who string puppets or mute pawns on a chess board. There is a nagging doubt, which people learn to live with, whether the house will still be standing when they return from work. There is the paralyzing fear that the morning goodbye to a loved one may be the last.

Beirut was a unique city before the civil war. It was a center of the most sophisticated commercial enterprise and expertise, a chic meeting place of traditional and modern ways of life and a crossroads between East and West. Standing against beaches, Beirut was not only one of the wealthiest but also one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The people were of an amazing variety of races, cultures and skills.

Lina Tabbara's life with her husband, a successful architect, and two small children was secure and privileged until the thunder started. Many of her friends left when the trouble began. Some moved to safe and comfortable existences in Europe and America. Others pursued their careers or found suitable outlets for their talents in Arabia or the Gulf. She wanted to stay. There was some impulse within her. She had a burning need to know what was happening and why. In the pages of her diary we see her gradually transformed from a *petite bourgeoisie* with only a fringe interest in politics into a mature woman deeply committed to her Palestinian, Lebanese and Muslim origins. She remains, in spite of all, profoundly humanitarian.

She describes time spent, often fruitlessly in the search for the victims kidnapped by gangs. She visits the hysterical infernos of the hospital wards. With what sometimes appears to be foolhardy courage, she goes out to see and describe the worst of the fighting. And yet the diary is not simply a record of horror. Lina Tabbara has made a sincere effort to make some sense out of the carnage and insanity. It is a probing account, carefully observed, of the evolution of a civil war and a rare insight into the development of the consciousness of an Arab woman.

From enemies of Islam

New century celebrates Prophet's escape

By Rasna Siddiqi

JEDDAH — The sighting of the 'Muharram' crescent on the eve of Nov. 8 was of special significance to the nine hundred million Muslims of the world. For it heralded not only a new year but the commencement of a new century — the fifteenth Hijra.

The Muslim calendar is not associated either with the birth or death of its Prophet or to the elements of nature but to an infinitely important event in the history of Islam, that of the Hijra (migration) of the holy Prophet Muhammad to Medina from Mecca, his birthplace.

It was in the thirteenth year after he was invested with prophethood that the then leaders of Mecca decided on a plan to murder him. They had tried in vain to persuade him and his followers to forget about one God Almighty and Islam and to return to idol worshiping and the old ways.

Already a large number of Muslims had moved out of Mecca to avoid torture and persecution and to be free to practice Islam. Islam's appeal was rapidly growing and nothing seemed like a better scheme to the leaders of Mecca than to remove the cause.

It was ordained however, that the prophet of Islam should live for many years to come.

It was in the peaceful atmosphere of Medina that the first Muslim state was formed. Invitations to the then known rulers were sent to accept the new faith, and a new economic system and ties were established, while the Muslims grew in number. In fact, by the tenth year of Hijra, Mecca was converted and within the lifetime of the Prophet the boundaries of the Muslim world had reached Iraq and Syria. The desired goal of spreading the message of Allah was thus achieved. What other date could then be more appropriate to mark the beginning of the Muslim calendar?

Throughout the Muslim world the beginning of the new Century is being celebrated by a year-long program to evaluate Islam's history and bring about a religious, social and cultural regeneration among the Muslims.

A program of conferences and seminars on the teachings of Islam, role of Islam, and life and teachings of the Prophet is to be held in the Muslim world and elsewhere. The year long Hijra celebrations also include exhibitions of books, Islamic art, science and technology. Commemorative stamps, coins and currency notes are being issued by Muslim states on the theme of the Hijra. Muslim youths are being encouraged to travel in Muslim countries and to get to know their brothers. Airlines are being persuaded to

in non-Muslim countries, programs include the use of mass media to dissipate wrong notions about Islam and to project a positive image.

The most important elements of the program are those of a more lasting nature. These include films in major languages and a compilation of a new authentic encyclopaedia of Islam. Work has already begun on a six volume series of books, in cooperation with UNESCO, on various aspects of Islam. The object of this project is to present to non-

Muslims an undistorted and factual picture of the faith.

In short, just as the Hijra of the holy Prophet of Islam was a momentous step towards the commitment of the fundamental beliefs and concepts of Islam, so have the Muslims taken the auspicious occasion of the commencement of the new Hijra to examine and appraise their past, renew the *Dawah*, (call to Islam) and work for the *Ummah*, (Islamic community), to take its proper place in the world.



MEDINA: the Al-Qasbah mosque

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Machinery is already in motion to choose an emblem for the Hijra centenary year that can be used by all Muslim states. The design will be selected by a jury from the specimens submitted by various Muslim artists. Muslim writers, scholars and journalists are also being encouraged to write books and articles on the many facets of Islam.

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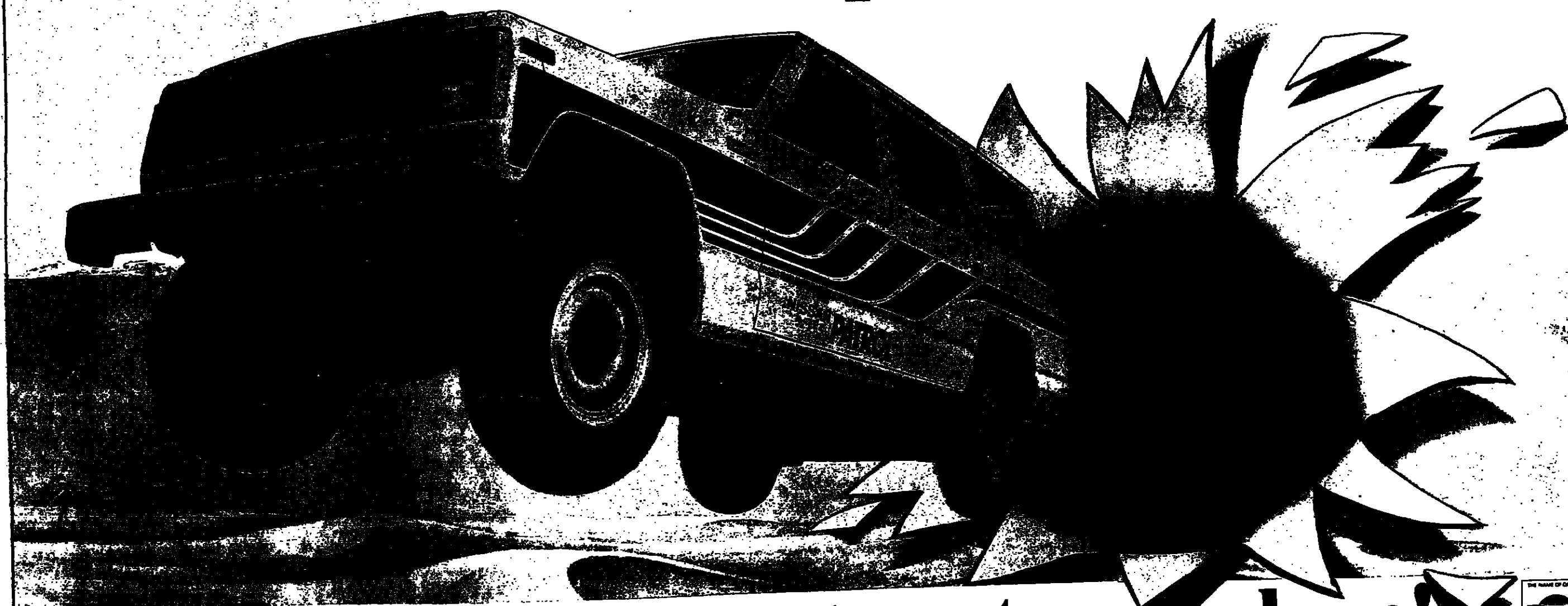
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TIME FOR ARAB MOVE

Begin came to the United States to the expected welcome. Home, indeed, from home. Yet there was a dissonant note from President-elect Reagan who, invited to meet with the Israeli premier, said that that would be premature, since he is yet to assume his new responsibilities. But the White House, with Carter's tears scarcely dry after the debacle, was ready to welcome the turbulent guest.

That must have been a sad and disappointing consolation prize for Begin. Carter now is a thoroughly spent force; and endorsements from him will do nothing to support Begin's eroding position at home. What he really would have liked was a firm declaration from the Republicans that they will abide by their extravagant electoral promises to Israel. As it was, the Republicans, although it is still unclear what they will ultimately decide to do, seem not very keen to oblige. Their victory was so massive that they can afford to keep others waiting. They also know that it was not the famous "Jewish vote" which secured it for them.

This modest setback must have come as a shock for Begin, used as he is to having his own way in the United States. He is certain to rally his supporters there in an attempt to win some assurances from the Republicans over their earlier promises. And, by this same token, this is surely the time for those Arab leaders who are in a position to do so, to make contact with the members of the new ruling team. Facts and figures of the economic, political and military implications of the problem of the Middle East have to be made available to them. Whatever the Republicans have said in their election campaign, this is surely the time for the Arab side to push its views forward, rather than resign itself to having an enemy in the White House.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers devoted their headline stories to the opening of the National Guard building complex by King Khalid Wednesday. In a lead story, *Okaz* highlighted Syria's rejection of an American offer to strike a deal for Golan with North Lebanon.

Newspapers used on front pages the story of Crown Prince Fahd's statement that "we are optimistic on the success of the upcoming Arab summit conference in Amman and the Islamic summit conference in Mecca. In a page-one story, *Al-Yom* said Iran is not optimistic over Washington's cold reply in regard to the hostages' crisis. *Al-Jazirah* also reported Syria's sudden shift in its stance on the Arab summit conference by asking for a postponement because of differences in the Arab world. *Okaz* played as a front-page story the crown prince's renewed support for Kuwait in connection with the dropping of two Iranian rockets on the Kuwaiti territory.

Newspaper editorials reaffirmed the need for supporting Kuwait and eliminating every attempt to drag it into the war between Iraq and Iran. Some editorials urged Israel and South Africa be ostracized from the United Nations, while others commented on the new building complex of the national guard. In an editorial, *Al-Bilad* noted that the King's personal presence at the opening of the

complex illustrated the royalty's concern for military and civilian projects in the country. It added that the leadership's interest in the Kingdom's projects stems from its belief in the importance of development and progress.

Okaz described the monarch's dedication of the National Guard project as a "basic step to bolster the military capabilities" for the defense and protection of the country's varied achievements. It reiterated that the boosting of military prowess is a basic aim that takes its roots from the Islamic faith which urges to rise and confront the enemies of God. The paper added that world Communism and Zionism are persistently trying to destroy the Islamic nation, which forces Muslims to enrich their latent strength and channel it toward serving the principles and objectives of Islam. The paper held the conviction that the Kingdom's achievements at different levels is the direct result of a practical application of the divine law in every sphere.

On the same subject, *Al-Madina* said the monarch's opening of the project demonstrates the state's concern for development projects. The paper added that the state's liberal expenditure on the National Guard projects reflects its interest in development and its determination to spend as well on other military and civilian projects.

Al-Nadwa described the building complex as "ideal" in terms of both beauty and military discipline. The paper said the National Guard, like all other sectors in the Kingdom, is based on the firm

principles of the faith and strives hard to build a powerful country and to realize progress and prosperity for it. The paper further highlighted the crown prince's comment that the building is aimed at defending the country and providing peace and security for the citizens.

Al-Riyadh gave prominence to the crown prince's stress on the unity of Arab and Muslim ranks and their solidarity against all the conspiracies being hatched against the nation. The paper endorsed the crown prince's views and reiterated that a strong internal front in social, military and economic aspects is a part of making the country self-sufficient.

Al-Yom also concentrated on the crown prince's statement in which he praised military discipline, their valor and the spirit of sacrifice.

The paper added that the state's full support for the armed forces comes from its belief that the armed forces provide a strong defense for the nation and help in the country's progress. Every citizen looks toward the armed forces as a powerful element in the realization of honor and dignity for Muslims and their faith, it added.

Al-Jazirah observed in an editorial that the leaders and peoples of the Gulf region are aware that attempts to drag the region into a war are going on. Referring to the dropping of Iranian rockets on the Kuwaiti territory, the paper noted it was an open attempt to drag Kuwait into the arena of the ongoing war between Iraq and Iran.

Behind Reagan's landslide victory

By Richard Shaw

LONDON — The unequivocal verdict of the U.S. presidential election is a personal triumph for Ronald Reagan and an equally emphatic rejection of President Jimmy Carter. Reagan's victory, and the significant gains by Republican candidates in contests for seats in the Senate and House of Representatives, mark a distinct shift to the right in the balance of power in American politics.

Reagan has won at least 43 states, giving him 469 votes in the Electoral College, in which each state casts votes in proportion to its population; 270 votes provide a winning majority.

Carter has won in only five states and the District of Columbia, with 49 electoral votes in all. In 1976, Carter won 23 states and the District, with a total of 297 electoral votes. The margin in the popular vote was less decisive, but in this figure too, Reagan gained a clear edge of about 10 per cent.

In what public opinion polls had suggested would be a very close contest, it had been widely expected that Carter would win most of the states in his native South, and Reagan the West, with the marginal, vote-rich states of the North-East and Mid-West providing the major battleground. In the event, Carter held only his home state of Georgia in the South, and won none of the vital marginals.

As well as a demonstration of support for

Reagan's generally vague promises to "Get the government off the backs of the people" and to "Make America respected around the world again", the result is a clear vote of no confidence in Carter's administration. Evidently, some traditional Democratic voters have deserted to Reagan, especially in the South, where his promises of tax cuts, and his opposition to abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment struck a responsive chord among blue-collar whites.

More significant, the low overall voter turnout, estimated at 52 per cent, indicates that many Democratic voters stayed at home. The ethnic minorities, who traditionally form a major part of the Democratic vote, may have tipped the balance to Reagan, notably in New York, Pennsylvania and Texas, by not voting. Many blacks have expressed disillusionment with Carter after his failure to deliver on his election promises of four years ago.

It appears that the two major issues of the last week of the campaign, the televised debate between Carter and Reagan and the prospect of a breakthrough in the Iranian hostage deadlock, turned out to Reagan's advantage. Although he spent much of the debate on the defensive, Reagan succeeded in dispelling his image as a warmonger with insufficient grasp of complex issues. This may have had a significant effect on the large number of undecided voters.

The hostage issue put Carter in a "no win" predi-

cament. He had to avoid the appearance of seeking political advantage by agreeing to tough Iranian terms for release of the captives; at the same time, the renewed focus on the hostages served as a painful reminder of the problems of his presidency in the last year.

In addition, Carter's personal attacks on Reagan rebounded on Carter by tarnishing his greatest asset, his image as a man of decency and dignity.

Reagan struck a convincingly presidential pose, disdaining to participate in personal attacks. He concentrated on delivering his simplistic but persuasive message of less government and a stronger America.

Two other aspects of Reagan's campaign merit comment. Having secured the support of the Republican Right in the primary campaign, he increasingly wooed more moderate voters in his autumn campaign, often through his running-mate, George Bush. The debate which Bush termed "a major turning point", was the culmination of this strategy.

Reagan also succeeded in overcoming doubts that, at 69, he was too old to undertake the presidency. Carefully pacing himself through a grueling campaign, he generally appeared alert and vigorous.

Reagan's task of gaining legislative support for his program will be easier by the swing of power in the Senate to the Republicans. — (OFNS)

The army that frightens Russia (III)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In three articles, Jonathan Mirsky and Brigadier 'X', a serving NATO officer examine the strengths and weaknesses of the biggest armed force in the world—the 3,500,000-strong People's Liberation Army of China. The first article looks at the impact of Maoist dogma on the PLA, the second at its technological weaknesses, and the third at a future Sino-Soviet war. This is the last article.)

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON — The likeliest scenario for a future war between China and the Soviet Union presupposes a Moscow-directed ground attack. For strategic, political, and topographical reasons, Russia's invasion would come via Manchuria to the north China plain and thence to Peking.

China's immediate reaction, in accordance with Maoist military doctrine, would be to conduct a "protracted war" against the invader. Such a war, Mao explained in 1938 at a low point in the anti-Japanese struggle, "is ruthless in nature. The enemy will not be able to gobble up the whole of China but will be able to occupy many places for a considerable time. Ultimately the enemy will lose and we will win, but we will have a hard stretch of road to travel."

The Chinese People's Liberation Army still moves, for the most part, on foot. Its key reaction to a three-pronged Soviet thrust across the Manchurian frontier would be the occupation of an already prepared defensive line. Situated in the

mountains some 500 miles to the south of the Soviet incursion, this guards the north China plain and Peking, 70 to 100 miles away.

Concurrently, the sizable PLA mobile units already in Manchuria would be carrying out a strategic withdrawal through successive intermediate positions assisted by paramilitary forces employed in guerrilla war. The Soviet advance would be slowed.

Other Chinese forces would defend to the death major towns along the main axis of enemy advance, obliging the Russians to winkle them out. This, too, would gain time.

Territory, in the Maoist schema, holds little significance in itself, and the PLA would abandon a good deal of it until the enemy reached the chosen battleground.

Once the Soviets confronted the final Chinese mountain redoubts, from which there would be no retreat, Peking would issue a command to widen and intensify pre-planned guerrilla operations against the enemy rear area. Chinese main force units in overwhelming force would then counter-attack to annihilate obvious Russian weakpoints, again in accordance with Mao's conviction that the enemy must be destroyed, not merely driven off.

Now, in an increasingly untenable situation, tactically and logistically over-extended, the Russians would discover that their communications were being severed and their supplies — especially fuel and ammunition — were dwindling.

Perhaps one million Russian combat troops would be tied down by a Chinese force half as large again. These could be readily reinforced by another million soldiers drawn from around the country without significantly weakening either the Xinjiang or Vietnamese fronts. On somewhat longer call would be the Production and Construction Corps and the armed militia, amounting to another five million.

At this point the Chinese Military Council would be bound to consider the possibility of a Soviet nuclear strike. China, however, could reply in kind. Its army includes 40 to 50 medium-range ballistic missiles, 50 to 70 intermediate-range ballistic missiles, and at least two intercontinental missiles, with some of the medium-range missiles sufficiently mobile to survive a preemptive Soviet strike.

China also possesses at least 90 Badger bombers, with range to reach Russian centers such as Vladivostok and Novosibirsk with nuclear payloads. So a command faces Moscow: a conventional attack on China is likely to evolve into a protracted war. Such a conflict would demand even more troops, thereby weakening Soviet forces confronting the United States and NATO.

Additionally, calls for troops to stiffen the Manchurian advance could cause serious troubles in Warsaw Pact capitals, which might seize the chance to liberate themselves. What China knows that Russia knows is that a Sino-Russian war could shake Soviet power to the very gates of Warsaw. (OFNS)



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As relations deteriorate

W. German performers barred by East

EAST BERLIN, Nov. 14 (R) — East Germany will virtually sever cultural ties with West Germany from January as the next step in its moves to freeze relations between the two states, according to informed sources in East Berlin.

Singers, musicians and theater groups were told by the cultural authorities this week that no further tours would be staged in West Germany or West Berlin after the end of this year, the sources said.

They said the only country affected by the ban would be West Germany and that tours to other Western states would continue. Visits by West German performers to the Com-

munist state would also be halted, they said. The performers were given no reason for the measure, but the sources said it was linked to the growing tension between the two states, whose relations sharply deteriorated last month. The government would not comment Thursday on the reported new freeze.

Dozens of East German performers, ranging from rock groups to opera singers and classical theater troupes, have toured West Germany each year up to now. The sources said it was not yet clear whether the ban would also apply to artists and writers.

They said it was also unclear whether an exception would be made for the big classical orchestras, which already have major tours scheduled. The flow of West German artists to the Communist state is much smaller.

First word of the ban came in a statement Wednesday from folk singer Barbara Thalheim, who said she had been barred from leaving the country to carry out a concert tour due to start this week. Miss Thalheim said she had been told the present political atmosphere and Bonn's refusal to recognize the existence of an East German nationality were behind the move.

Ignore leftist views

Voters like Foot, poll shows

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP) — Michael Foot, the new left-wing leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party, is more popular with voters than right-wing Conservative Party Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, an opinion poll published Thursday showed.

Despite his committed leftist views in contrast to the middle-of-the-road socialists who have led Labor since World War II, Foot, 67, is rated nearly twice as likely a vote-catcher as Mrs. Thatcher, 55.

The poll was conducted by Mori for London's *New Standard* evening newspaper. It was taken within 24 hours of Foot taking over the party leadership on Monday from former Prime Minister James Callaghan and was heartening news for the strife-torn Labor movement.

Foot's views include a commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament, greater nationalization of industry and qualified opposition to membership of the European Common Market — stands regarded by many observers as likely to cost Labor the next election, despite signs of growing unpopularity for Mrs. Thatcher's government.

Asked who would make the best prime minister, 44 per cent of those questioned in the Mori poll chose Foot, compared with 37 per cent for Mrs. Thatcher.

Fifty-eight per cent saw Foot as most likely to win votes at the next election — which must be held by early 1984 when he will be 70 — while only 31 per cent thought Mrs. Thatcher had greater popular appeal.

Meanwhile, former Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey, 63, a Labor moderate defeated by Foot in the leadership contest, was elected Labor's deputy leader Thursday. He was unopposed. Healey's election was virtually a foregone conclusion under Labor's tradition of having a leader and deputy leader from opposite spectrums of the party's philosophy.

Mrs. Thatcher, who soundly defeated Labor in May 1979 on a 7 per cent swing away from the socialists, would lose an election held now, according to opinion polls in the past six months. The latest showed the conservatives trailing labor by 9 per cent, little changed from last month.

In personal popularity, the Tory leader has always trailed Labor leaders. Even when Mrs. Thatcher led her party to victory and became Europe's first woman prime minister, surveys showed her nearly 7 per cent less popular than Callaghan.

What Britons most dislike about the grocer's daughter who speaks with an upper-class accent, is that she is "out of touch with ordinary people", according to the Mori poll. Both Mrs. Thatcher and Foot rated low for honesty in the view of the 900-strong sample questioned. But 44 per cent saw Mrs. Thatcher as tending to "talk down" to people, while only 8 per cent accused the middle-class Foot of being patronizing.

Mrs. Thatcher was also seen as more narrow-minded than Foot (23 to 12 per cent). Foot was regarded — narrowly — as having more extreme views. In her favor, 67 per cent considered Mrs. Thatcher better on the international stage.

Panama wins in U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 14 (AP) — Panama, which based its candidacy on the possible threat of Republican Ronald Reagan's victory in the U.S. presidential race, was elected Thursday to a Latin American seat on the U.N. Security Council.

Panama's election by a 111-24 vote in the U.N. General Assembly came on the 23rd ballot and a day after Costa Rica withdrew from the contest, complaining that it had been "the victim of a well-orchestrated minority to block our election."

Toll in Zimbabwe gunfights stands at 51

SALISBURY, Nov. 14 (AFP) — The death toll in gunbattles and rioting in Zimbabwe's second city of Bulawayo at the start of the week has so far reached 51 but officials there expect to find more bodies in stretches of bush around the city.

The Western township of Entumbane, the flashpoint in fighting between former guerrillas from factions within the ruling coalition, has been quiet since a cease-fire was negotiated on Monday night.

Police, who together with national armies

units have started confiscating weapons in the guerrillas camps there, described the mood of the former guerrillas as tense. Elsewhere, streams of people have been passing through the hospital mortuary in search of relatives and friends who are missing and who might have died in the clashes.

Fighting erupted on Sunday night between ex-guerrillas loyal to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and those who support the Home Affairs Minister and Patriotic Front (PF) leader Joshua Nkomo.

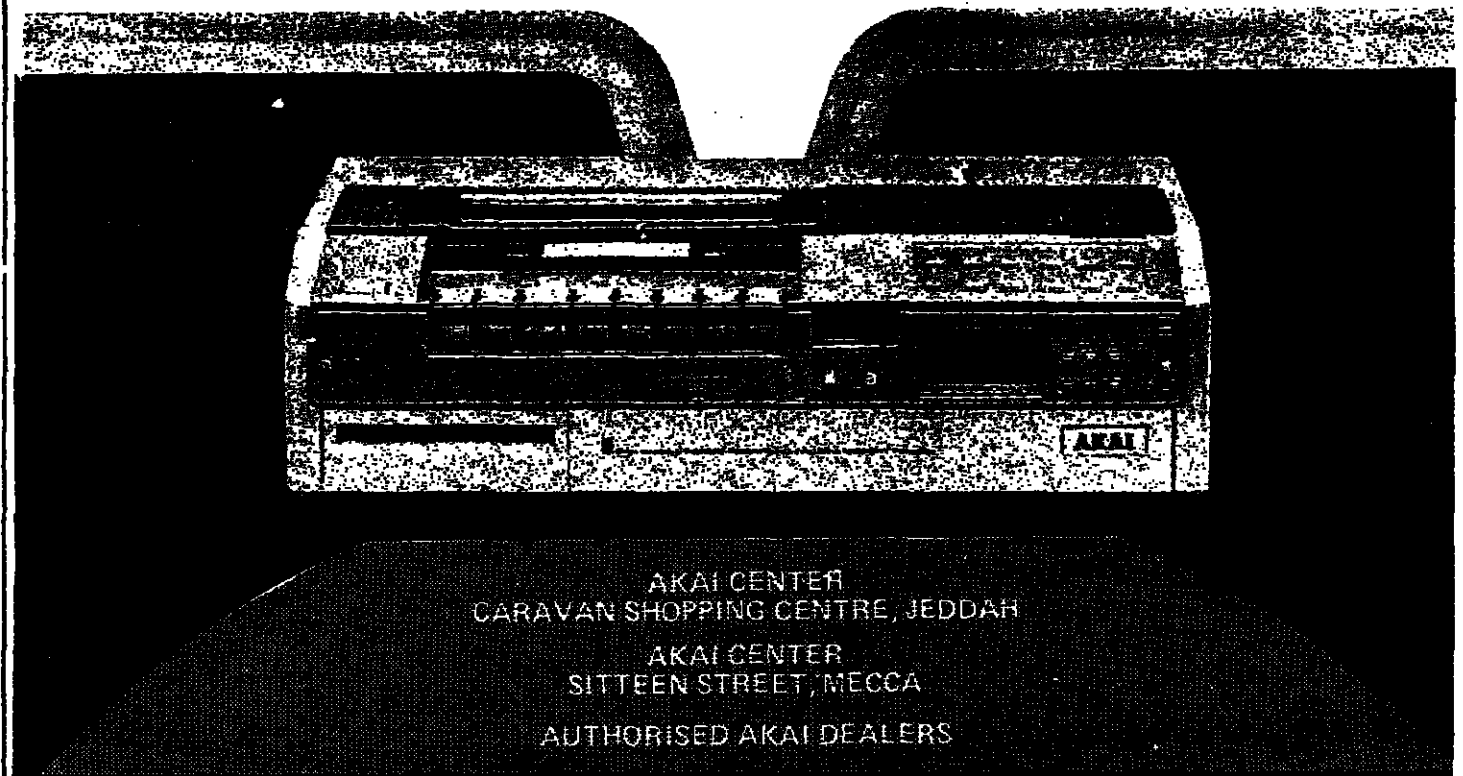
The two sides clashed with small arms, rockets, mortars and hand grenades after rioting at a rally in the city staged by Mugabe's ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front) Party during which a government minister sharply criticized Nkomo and the PF. A police spokesman said that most of those killed or wounded were civilians. Eleven of Mugabe's ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) guerrilla had been killed together with four of Nkomo's supporters, he said.

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Michael Foot

Pol Pot in Peking

BANGKOK, Nov. 14 (AFP) — Pol Pot, former leader of the ousted Cambodian Khmer Rouge now operating as guerrillas, is holding secret meetings with Chinese leaders in Peking, according to informed diplomatic sources quoted here Friday.

He arrived last Saturday and was expected to stay for another week, the sources added in the English-language *Nation Review* newspaper in this Thai capital. The visit was "an apparent effort to persuade the Chinese leaders to continue their support for the Khmer Rouge guerrillas," the paper said.



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Charles, Diana silent

British press predicts royal wedding

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP) — Prince Charles, born to be king of England, turned 32 on Friday and may be on the verge of marriage.

Speculation is raging that the heir to the throne, eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II, already has popped the question to 19-year-old Lady Diana Spencer and all that's needed is the official announcement from Buckingham Palace.

Charles' mother approves of his choice, according to Britain's royalty-watching popular press. While the palace stays silent and the nation waits, photographers dog Charles and Lady Diana, who are careful not to be seen together.

They stayed apart when both attended a private party at the Ritz Hotel the other night, thrown by the royal family to celebrate the 80th birthday year of Queen Mother Elizabeth. Lady Diana's invitation convinced many that she is Charles' chosen one.

Dazzled by television lights at a London meeting Tuesday, Charles quipped: "I can't think what useful information to impart, but judging by the brightness of the lights, somebody must think I have something to say."

Touring the University of Wales on Wednesday, Charles was asked by an onlooker, "When are you going to tell us the good news, your royal highness?"

He replied: "I won't be saying anything."



Prince Charles

You will have to wait and see."

Lady Diana is the youngest of the 8th Earl of Spencer's four children by his first marriage to the daughter of Baron Fermoy. The marriage was dissolved in 1969 and the earl now is married to Raine McCorquodale, former wife of the Earl of Dartmouth. The Spencer family motto is "Dieu Defend

Droit," French for "God Defend the Right." The Spencers own one of England's great stately mansions, the 16th-century Althorp — pronounced Altrup — on an estate at Northampton, 112 km. northwest of London. It has been the family home since 1508 and has a vast art collection.

The present earl, an ex-military man, was an equerry to the queen and her father, King George VI. That meant the Spencer offspring — three daughters and a son — were no strangers to royalty. Lady Diana has known Charles since she was a child. Her elder sister, Lady Sarah, was one of a long line of young ladies dated by the prince and Lady Jane is married to an assistant private secretary of the queen.

Lady Diana, who teaches kindergarten for a \$240 a term, was a weekend guest last summer at Balmoral, the royal family's favorite home in the Scottish Highlands. She joined the prince there for fishing and shooting, and recently cheered him at an amateur steep-chase.

She is a shy girl with a liking for the outdoor life and is not pushy or too sophisticated. That means she could be moulded to royal ritual which the prince's other girlfriends made no secret of disliking.

Like most Britons, she is a member of the Anglican Church of England. The monarch is head of the church.

Flawless Voyager flight leaves shower of knowledge

PASADENA, California Nov. 14 (AP) — As the spaceship Voyager sailed away from a "flawless" rendezvous with Saturn, scientists revealed in a shower of discoveries, including hints that the giant moon Titan may be a frozen, murky swamp of liquid nitrogen.

Mission scientists also said Voyager confirmed long-held suspicions of a sixth ring around Saturn and may have discovered a

Marriage costs rats

JAKARTA, Nov. 14 (R) — Potential bridegrooms in a west Java district must hand in at least 50 rats to the village chief to get permission to wed, the *Indonesian Observer* newspaper reported.

The rule has been instituted to curb a plague of rats in the fields there. Village youngsters have developed a brisk business catching rats and selling them to would-be bridegrooms for about eight cents each, it said.

seventh. Pictures transmitted over nearly \$1.6 billion kms. of space also provided a wealth of new information about the smaller, icy moons that circle Saturn.

"We have had no problems. It's really been a flawless operation," deputy project manager Esker Davis said of Wednesday's close pass by the big golden planet.

"I cannot recall being in such a state of Euphoric from any previous (planetary) encounter," said Voyager camera team leader Bradford Smith. "We have learned more about Saturn in the past week than in the entire span of human history."

Voyager, its three-year exploratory mission concluded, was already more than \$1.6 million kms. past Saturn on Friday and sailing toward the stars at 57,935 kph.

The big surprise at Thursday's science briefing was the finding that methane or natural gas, long considered the primary component of Titan's atmosphere, "can only

be a minor constituent — less than 1 per cent," said Rudolph Hanel of the infrared radiometry team.

He and other scientists said a series of measurements taken in invisible infrared and ultraviolet wavelengths strongly suggest Titan's big reddish clouds form the only atmosphere besides earth's that is mostly nitrogen. It also is the only moon in the solar system known to have any atmosphere at all.

Von Eschleman, of the radio science experiment, said the evidence points to an atmospheric pressure on Titan's as yet unseen surface that is 2 1/4 times as great as on earth.

He also said temperatures may be as cold as 300 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (minus 149 degrees Centigrade). "If that's what that fuzzball turns out to be, then people get the picture of a murky swamp. This is a rather bizarre murky swamp, if that's what it is. The murk is liquid nitrogen and the swamp is liquid nitrogen," Eschleman said.

Food 'profiteers' prick Soviet conscience

But chronic shortages send illegal salesmen a stream of customers

MOSCOW, Nov. 14 (AFP) — In Moscow's Red Square and London's Highgate Cemetery, N. Lenin and Karl Marx might turn in their respective tombs if they but knew of the violence being done to Marxist-Leninist dogma today by speculators in the Soviet Union.

The non-profit principle, one of the holiest canons in Soviet socialist creed, is being flouted left and right by private, enterprising citizens of every condition in search of a fast ruble. For with foodstuffs and consumer products a perennially uncertain quantity on Soviet markets, there is a killing to be made for the middleman who can deliver the goods in the right place at the right time.

Just the other day the newspaper *Soviet Russia* inveighed against two such miscreants — a garage mechanic who smuggled half a ton of potatoes to Moscow from distant Azerbaijan in the public carriage of a railway train, and a youthful tomato-trafficker from the country who conveyed 400 kilos of fresh produce to Moscow markets, hitch hiking all the way.

Another youth the newspaper denounced pulled off a dramatic market coup by getting his hands on two tons of tangerines with the connivance of accomplices in states depots and loading them on the black market for equivalent of \$6,200 — some 25 times more than the Soviet man-in-the street earns in a month.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev himself put his finger on the problem in a speech to the Communist Party Central Committee on Oct. 21 when he admitted, "Supplies to Soviet cities are still difficult, particularly of meat and milk."

Better-off Russians are therefore routinely turning to illicit sources of supply, ignoring the fact that they are technically guilty of "economic sabotage" and risking arrest by the economic police. According to *Soviet Russia*, the black market in foodstuffs — which has had the incidental effect of forcing up prices on the legitimate market — is operating in the open and with near-impunity.

In one Moscow street market, the paper said, three dealers in every four were found to be unauthorized middlemen and bare-faced speculators. Only salesmen from collective farms are allowed to sell produce in Moscow.

Another example given in the press here



'SABOTEUR': An unauthorized street vendor sells melons to shoppers in Dushanbe, capital of Soviet Tadzhikistan. Frowned upon officially as an "economic saboteur," the man grows the produce on a small private parcel in the country.

was a market in a city in the Urals, where illegal traders were operating in the open, the authorities being powerless to deal with such a force.

Judging by numerous readers' letters in the Soviet press, market delinquents could well be getting the connivance of corrupt officials. A Moscow police officer stated in a letter that "when we request cooperation from our colleagues in the provinces to break up these

rings we get no answers."

But foodstuffs are not the only staple of the Soviet black-market system. As Brezhnev pointed out elsewhere in his Oct. 21 speech, there is still a widespread shortage of essential goods. What he did not point to was the abundance of non-essential goods, consumer superfluities like rose scent, cosmetics, fashion periodicals, cigarette lighters, jeans, and records — always available at prohibitive prices on the black market.

108 million said afflicted by malaria

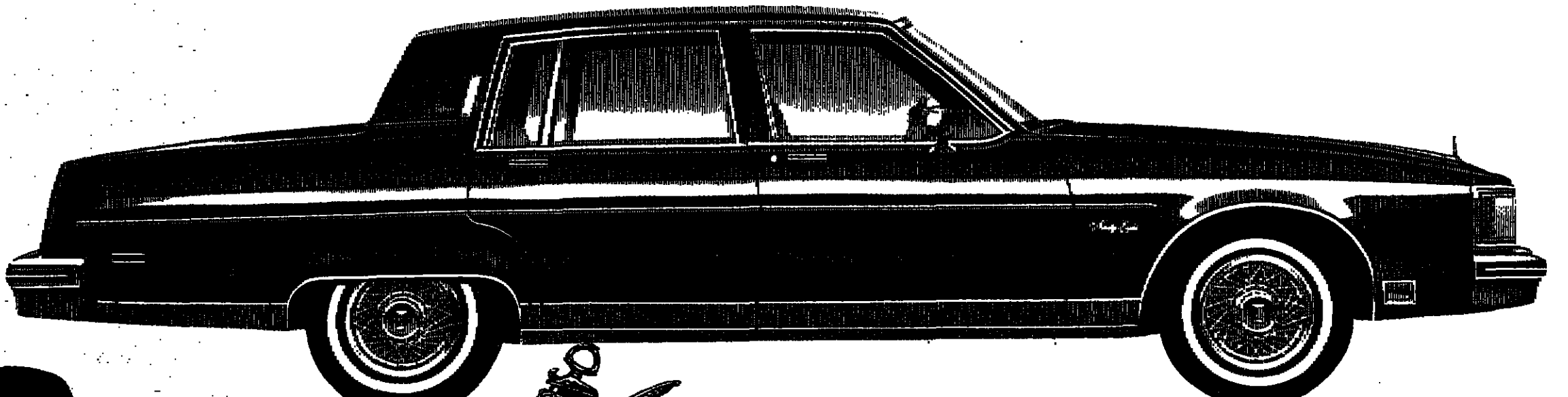
MANILA, Nov. 14 (R) — Malaria afflicts about 108 million people a year and the figure is going up as carriers of the disease show increasing resistance to known drug, an expert from the World Health Organization (WHO) said.

Dr. Adeto Kudo Lucas, the WHO parasitic disease program director, told reporters that up to 600 million people are exposed to malaria and it is increasingly difficult to pro-

tect them. "Even the most effective anti-malarial drugs are now beginning to be resisted by some parasites which carry this disease," he said.

More than 1,000 tropical disease experts from about 120 countries are meeting in Manila, as they do every five years, to seek new ways to combat tropical diseases which affect more than one billion people, mostly in developing countries.

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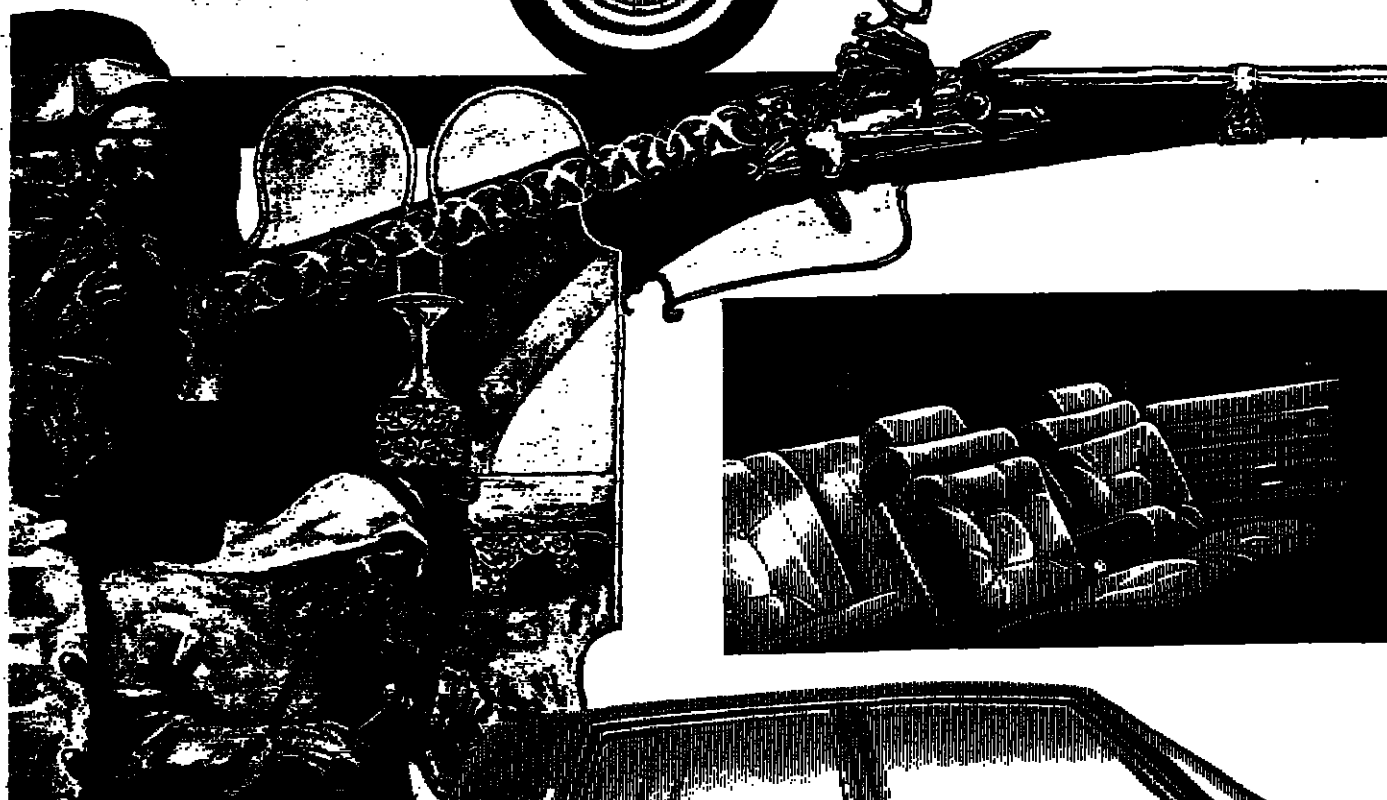


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Poland after loan to cope with crisis

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (R) — Poland has asked the United States for about \$3 billion in low-interest loans to help cope with economic difficulties resulting from last summer's labor unrest, U.S. officials said Thursday. The request was made in the past month but, because of President Carter's election defeat last week, action was unlikely to be more Republican Reagan takes office Jan. 20, the officials said.

They added that Poland had also asked for large amounts of aid for America's allies in Western Europe and Japan. The amount requested from the United States exceeded the U.S. aid programs in existence — for Israel and Egypt.

Besides its awkward timing and staggering size, the Polish request for concession-rate loans also came in a form the Carter administration had not anticipated, officials said.

They said Poland had been expected first to request rescheduling of its \$2.1 billion fore-

ign debt, and the administration had been prepared to give its support.

In September the administration announced some \$670 million in loan guarantees for Poland to buy U.S. agricultural products, and there were hints at the time that more funds might be available. Poland already draws about one-third of available U.S. agricultural credits, officials said.

Iranian oil exported from Kharg Island

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AFP) — Iran has resold oil exports from its main oil terminal of Kharg Island which is near to the war zone and was damaged at the outbreak of fighting with Iraq, oil sources here said Friday. An East Germany tanker recently took on 80,000 tons but loading was interrupted by an Iraqi air raid. The tanker slipped its mooring lines for a short time, returning later to finish loading, the sources said.

Several other tankers have also loaded at Kharg Island recently, but it is not known how much oil they taken off, the sources said.

The sources added that it appeared that the Iranians and their customers continued to encounter difficulties in finding ship owners prepared to risk their vessels so near to Iraq. Insurers are also demanding high premiums.

Last week it was learned that Iran had resumed exports from its terminals at Lavan Island and Sirri, particularly toward North and South Korea and Roumania.

Some sources have said that Iraq was believed to be preparing to resume its exports through pipelines from its northern oilfields to the Mediterranean. The sources said pumping might already have resumed, but little hard information on this was available.

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Food shortage lies ahead; millions face starvation

LONDON, Nov. 14 (R) — The world is heading for a serious food shortage next year with millions facing starvation in poor countries and upward pressure on prices in richer nations, according to reports from food and agriculture experts. Parts of the world's grain-growing flatlands have been hit by either drought or rain. Wheat and grain production has suffered in Australia, Argentina and the Soviet Union, although wheat crops in North America and West Europe have been better.

Meanwhile there are more mouths to feed than ever because of population growth especially in the Third World despite efforts by development bodies such as the World Bank to encourage birth control.

Grain exporting nations meeting in Adelaide, Australia, this week said that in 1981 demand for wheat and for the coarse grain used mainly for animal feed will exceed production. The latest in a series of warnings have come in the past few days from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Edouard Saouma, FAO director general, said world food stocks will fall in the next few months, leaving poor countries with no protection if global grain production drops next year. The U.S. agriculture department said the global grain production outlook had worsened in the month and grain stocks were expected to fall to dangerously low levels next year.

"Another U.S. agriculture department report Thursday said world grain stocks were likely to be cut by more than one fifth in 1980-81. Some skeptics have expressed doubts about the gloomy statistics, it said: "On a worldwide basis, you can't measure grain until it is locked up in store houses and even then it's not easy." But most experts say the situation is grim.

The Soviet Union has been particularly affected by bad harvests. Its supply sources have also been narrowed by President Carter's embargo on U.S. grain to Russia.

The Soviet Union is searching the world markets for grain, seeking supplies for animal feed so that its people will not have to suffer even greater meat shortages than they have experienced recently.

China, with its one billion population, has signed an agreement to buy at least 24 million tons of grain from the United States over the next four years.

Some commodity experts say the Soviet and Chinese factors must result in an inevitable squeezing of world food supplies which will also push up prices.

The London-based international wheat council last month reduced its estimate of world wheat production during the 12 months beginning last April to 444 million tons from the 450 million calculated the previous month.

Commodity experts outside the council thought even that estimate was over-optimistic because of new reports from the Soviet Union that their crop situation was worse than expected.

London commodity experts said grain prices have been gradually strengthening and could rise sharply next year after the production of stocks left over from last year. One expert warned that panic buying might result,

as it has done in the past.

Howard Tjort, chief economist in the U.S. agriculture department, said: "When it comes time to harvest 1981 crops we will have essentially no reserves of feedstuffs." Saouma, the FAO chief, says world food production will decline by six million tons to 1,418 million tons in the 1980-81 season, leading to a heavy reduction in food stocks needed to feed millions of people in the Third World already suffering from hunger and under-nourishment.

"This in turn casts a shadow on 1981-82, when there will be no cushion against major crop shortfalls," he said.

At a recent press conference in Vienna, he

called on donor countries to preserve current food aid levels.

He said developing countries were also threatened by the rising price of grain. Wheat prices, for example, had risen 25 per cent this year and since many countries budgeted food aid in money terms their aid would buy less food than before, he added.

This illustrates the complexities surrounding the problem of food shortages. There is a lobby which says, for instance, that aid in the form of food is not the best way of giving emergency relief.

By the time food stocks can be moved to needy areas people have often already died of starvation.

BEUC may resort to court

Commission calls for integrated market

BRUSSELS, Nov. 14 (R) — The EEC commission Thursday urged the creation of an integrated European securities market, which it said would be in the interests of both investors and companies. An integrator market would have greater depth and liquidity than national markets, and would give investors fairer and more representative prices for their orders, the EEC Commissioner for Financial Institutions, Christopher Tugendhat, said.

But exactly how such a market should operate would be best decided by market organizations themselves, he told a symposium organized by the commission to discuss plans for a European Stock Exchange.

Curbs on capital movements would have to be abolished and fiscal systems for companies and dividend tax harmonized before a truly European securities market could exist.

But, as the volume of trading in securities with double earnings in different markets grows, it is in investors' interests for buy and sell orders to be matched on a community-wide basis, instead of in largely isolated fashion as at present, Tugendhat said.

"The creation of an integrated European securities market would make it possible to expand National Stock Exchange markets and give them a truly international dimension," Tugendhat said.

Unless an organized European Market is set up under the control of national and community authorities, the alternative could be the development of parallel markets without proper controls, damaging the interests of both investors and companies, he said.

But he said there was a need to proceed gradually from existing institutions rather than create a new supranational organization.

In the meantime in Brussels, the European Union of consumers (BEUC) Wednesday threatened to take the EEC commission to the European court if it failed to act to introduce fair competition for European air routes.

BEUC Director Tony Venables told a press conference that national airlines of the nine European Common Market member

states had set European fares at an artificially high rate through a series of bilateral and multilateral agreements.

"This clearly contravenes EEC regulations and we may have to take the commission to the European court if it does not act soon to stop practice," Venables said.

He said BEUC had addressed a letter last week to the commission urging it to prepare a directive for the EEC Council of Ministers that would declare current practices illegal.

The community's founding treaty stipulates that free competition would operate in the EEC and forbids the setting up of cartels.

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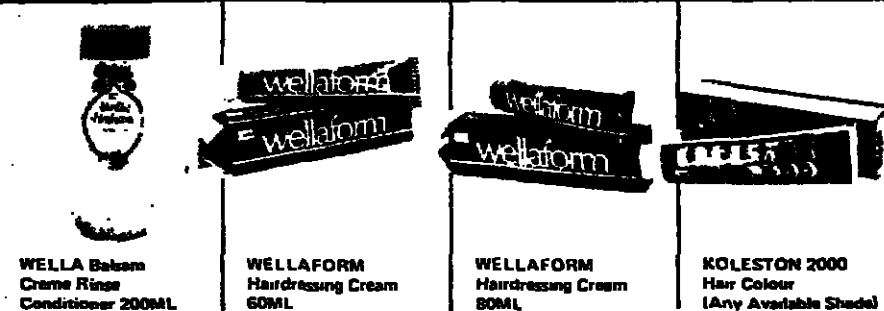
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At Benson and Hedges tennis

Top-seed McEnroe lashes Lutz

WEMBLEY, England Nov. 14 (AP) — Defending champion John McEnroe of the United States trounced his compatriot Bob Lutz 6-2, 6-1 Thursday to move into the quarterfinals of the \$186,000 Benson and Hedges international tennis tournament at

Wembley arena.

McEnroe, who dropped only two games in his opening round encounter with Trey Waltke, took just 53 minutes to blitz 33-year-old Lutz, the former Wimbledon doubles champion.

McEnroe, the top seed here, now has a 5-0 head-to-head record against Lutz, winner of three Grand Prix tournaments this year. He is bidding for a third straight victory in this event, and faces an easy-looking quarterfinal meeting with fellow American Rick Meyer, who had to qualify for the main draw.

Two seeded players lost second round matches earlier Thursday.

Fourth-seeded Brian Gottfried was defeated 5-7, 7-6, 6-4 by Stan Smith in an all-American match and Australian doubles expert Paul McNamee downed eight-seeded American Victor Amaya 6-4, 6-4.

McEnroe led six Americans into the quarters. Only three seeded players survived. The interlopers are McNamee and 24-year-old Czech Davis Cup star Tomas Smid.

McEnroe, the 21-year-old U.S. Open champion, was delighted with his form against Lutz, the player he defeated in the semifinals at Stockholm last week.

"Bob has been playing very well recently," said McEnroe. "But I guess he is coming to the end of a long season, and when I played well he kind of rolled over."

Left-hander McEnroe is playing his last Grand Prix tournament before the Masters in New York early next year.

Smith, the veteran 1972 Wimbledon champion, took more than two hours to overcome Gottfried, who nearly pulled out of the tournament because of illness. Gottfried eventually decided to play — and surprised Smith.

"He was playing out of his mind, the best I have seen him play in a long time," said the winner.

Gottfried, who had two points for a 5-2 lead in the second set, tired as the match went on.

Americans leading net ranks

PARIS, Nov. 14 (AFP) — Despite his loss to Bjorn Borg in the Stockholm Open earlier this week John McEnroe still leads the chase for top place in the men's Grand Prix standings.

McEnroe has 2167 points, with fellow American Jimmy Connors second with 1976 points and Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia third with 1974 points and Borg fourth with 1939 points.

Unless Connors or Lendl play in the Australian Open next month when 350 grand prize points will be at stake, McEnroe is virtually assured of the \$300,000 first place bonus.

Apart from McEnroe, Connors, Lendl and Borg, Americans Gene Mayer and Harold Solomon look sure to qualify for the prestigious Masters final in New York in January.

The other two places are currently held by American Eliot Teltscher and Guillermo Vilas of Argentina with Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina and Brian Gottfried of the United States leading the challenge.

Current leading standings in the men's tennis Grand Prix:

1. John McEnroe (USA)	2167 Pts.
2. Jimmy Connors (USA)	1976
3. Ivan Lendl (Czech)	1974
4. Bjorn Borg (Sweden)	1939
5. Gene Mayer (USA)	1521
6. Harold Solomon (USA)	1439
7. Eliot Teltscher (USA)	1379
8. Guillermo Vilas (Arg)	1268
9. Jose Luis Clerc (Arg)	1150
10. Brian Gottfried (USA)	1117
11. Vitas Gerulaitis (USA)	1052
12. Eddie Dibbs (USA)	817
13. Wojtek Fibak (USA)	765
14. Johan Kriek (S. Africa)	698
15. Victor Amaya (USA)	653

Teacher reaches Taipei quarterfinals

TAIPEI, Nov. 14 (AP) — Second-seeded Brian Teacher Thursday beat fellow American Fritz Buehning 6-3, 7-6 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 Taipei tennis championships.

Fifth-ranked American Tim Gullikson beat countryman Chris Delaney 6-2, 7-5, unseeded John Austin upset sixth seeded fellow American Peter Rennerte 6-3, 6-4 and Indian Ramesh Krishnan defeated Tom Okker of the Netherlands 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

In the doubles, second-seeded American

pair of Pat Dupre and Sherwood Stewart beat Joel Bailey of the United States and Wolfgang Popp of West Germany 7-6, 6-3.

Fourth-seeded John Austin and Ferdi Taygan beat Ramesh Krishnan and Austrian Robert Reininger 6-1, 6-2. Australians Ross Case and Geoff Masters beat Markus Günthard of Switzerland and Werner Zingibl of Germany 6-1, 6-3.

Sashi Menon of India and John Wittinger of the United States beat American brothers Jim and Chris Delaney 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.



Sugar Ray Leonard

Duran, Leonard prep for fight

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14 (Agencies) — Welterweight champion Roberto Duran trimmed a couple of rounds of his sparring schedule on Thursday, saying he was close to fighting weight and didn't want to over do it.

Duran faces Sugar Ray Leonard in a World Boxing Council title fight on Nov. 25. Duran took the crown from Leonard in Montreal in June.

Thursday, Duran sparred five rounds against two partners, went through quick sessions on the heavy and light bags, then dazzled some 500 spectators with a rope-jumping exhibition.

Leonard sparred seven rounds, four against cousin Odell Leonard, a middleweight contender. Leonard also cut his workout a bit shorter than usual, eliminating work on the light bag and jump rope.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Los Angeles Thursday American Eddie Mustafa Muhammad will defend his World Boxing

Association light-heavy weight title Holland's Rudy Koopmans against Nov. 29 in Los Angeles.

The 24-year-old Muhammad will defend his crown in a 15-round bout in the Olympic Auditorium. His record is 37-4-1.

Koopmans, the European light-heavyweight champion, has a record of 14-0-1 victories and two draws.

The Muhammad Koopmans bout will mark Muhammad's third defense of the title he won from Marvin Johnson last March.

And in Tokyo it was revealed Japanese welterweight champion Akio Kameda will challenge World Boxing Association junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor of the United States in February next year.

Kameda, now rated second in the WBA, won a fourth-round knockout victory over Japanese challenger Kazumi Nakano in a local welterweight title match here in Tokyo Wednesday to defend his Japanese title for the sixth time.

Kingdom boys finish fourth in cage meet

By Edward Thangarajah

BANGKOK, Nov. 14 — Saudi Arabia finished fourth at the Asian youth basketball championships concluded at the Bangkok National Stadium Wednesday, defeating Kuwait in a thrilling match 67-66 after leading 32-30 at halftime.

The team from the Kingdom seemed tired from the start of this encounter. Apparently the two tough games it had against Japan and the Philippines on Monday and Tuesday sapped the energy of most of the leading players in the team.

Nevertheless they did well to stave off a determined late Kuwaiti challenge to register this exciting win.

Asad Tadroni once again topped the scoring for the Saudi Arabians with a total of 20 points, M. Abdul Salam, Abdul Aziz Al Shargi (12 each), Abdul Aziz Al-Mualad (10) and Ma'adh Abu (9) helped boost the Kingdom's score.

For Kuwait Faisal Brosli (15), Waleed Abasakar (14), Saudi Alrabh (12), A. Abdalil (10) and A. Hussein (9) were high scorers.

The People's Republic of China emerged champions in the competition, dethroning the Philippines 94-84.

Thailand registered a creditable overtime victory over Japan, 100-93, to finish third.

Following are the final placings in the competition:

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Rookies shine for 76ers in victory over Indiana

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP) — Andrew Toney and Earl Cureton were both being hot in college last season — Toney at the University of Louisiana and Cureton at the University of Detroit.

League leader Aston Villa raps Norwich

LONDON, Nov. 14 (R) — Aston Villa stretched its lead at the top of the English First Division to five points when coming from behind to beat Norwich 3-1 away Wednesday.

As Labor candidate

Clough eyes Parliament

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AFP) — Football club manager and TV pundit Brian Clough said he was "seriously considering" an invitation to become Labor parliamentary candidate in the Stretford constituency of Manchester.

high 32 points and Cureton a 6-9 forward-center, had 15 as the 76ers beat Indiana 130-103.

Toney hit nine of 11 shots from the field and scored 19 points as the 76ers opened a 61-48 halftime lead. His previous high for a game was 16 points.

Cureton, starting in place of the injured Darryl Dawkins, scored eight points in the final 8 1/2 minutes of the first half. He topped his club in rebounds with 14.

In other NBA action, Cleveland defeated Atlanta 114-111 and San Antonio beat San Diego 113-70.

Cavaliers 114, Hawks 111
Richard Washington came off the bench to score 14 second-half points, including a clinching three-point play, to lead Cleveland over Atlanta.

Cleveland's victory snapped an eight-game Cavalier losing streak, while Atlanta's losing string was extended to nine games.

Spurs 113, Clippers 107
George Gervin scored 35 points and rookie forward Reggie Johnson came off the bench to add a career-high 22, leading San Antonio past San Diego.

The Spurs, who have won all nine of their games against the Clippers since the San Diego franchise was established, took command early.

In NBA games Wednesday, the Boston Celtics beat the Washington Bullets 93-86, the New Jersey Nets tipped the Denver Nuggets 118-111, the Milwaukee Bucks bombed the Detroit Pistons 122-98, the Houston Rockets edged the Los Angeles Lakers 107-104, the Phoenix Suns nipped the San Antonio Spurs 130-127, the Golden State Warriors defeated the Kansas City Kings 111-101, and the Utah Jazz stopped the Seattle SuperSonics 114-106.



Wind imperils Sydney tourney

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 14 (AFP) — A vicious strong wind which slashed the lakes during the second round of the \$175,000 Dunhill Australian Open golf championship Friday led Sever Ballesteros to suggest play should have been stopped.

Scores tumbled unmercifully when the wind changed suddenly in mid-afternoon, leaving the scores of those golfers still on the course in ruins.

Brian Jones, the first round leader with 68, shot a one-under-par 71 to grimly hang on to a one-stroke lead with a total of 139.

But after 13 holes Friday he was 10 under for the tournament after sensational earlier golf. He had carded an eagle and four birdies to that stage.

But then, when the wind came, dropped five strokes in four holes.

Ballesteros also on the course in the afternoon, also dropped five in four holes in his round. The U.S. Masters champion said, "I have played in a strong wind in England but nothing like this."

On the last hole Thursday he had hit a two-iron. Friday it was a six iron.

"I think it should have been stopped," Ballesteros said. "It was a very big disadvantage to be out there. Just look at all the players who dropped five and six shots this afternoon."

Jones, the leader, described it as a "guessing game" after the wind began. Despite his collapse late in the round he has still managed to reach the halfway point well ahead of little-known Adelaide golfer Roger Tephans, and David Graham and Greg Norman.

Erratic play marks Ahli, Hilal tie

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Nov. 14 — Ahli and Hilal fought out a 1-1 draw at the Jeddah Stadium Thursday, failing to show any sign of achieving the drive and teamwork necessary to take the league championship this year.

Both teams started strongly and were unlucky not to score in the opening minutes. Ahli's Jandubi saw a second-minute header well saved and Hilal's Brazilian ace Rivelino hit the Ahli crossbar with a dipping 30 yard drive.

Each team also had early goals disallowed

for what appeared to be unusual decisions. Khojalepette for Ahli in the 12th minute but was penalized for pushing while Naseeb's goal for Hilal, coming after a goalmouth scramble, was ruled offside.

Both defenses relied heavily on the offside trap, much to the annoyance of the enthusiastic crowd. On several occasions the whole of the Ahli defense, bar keeper Sadga, was strung across the halfway line waiting to catch the Hilal forwards moving into the Ahli half.

The Hilal defense was under continued

pressure throughout the match from raids by Amin Dabu down the right wing, and one of these brought the Ahli goal in the 25th minute. Jamal Hamza rose above the Hilal defense to head a cross past the helpless keeper.

Hilal began the second half in more determined fashion, Rivelino pushing forward trying to break down the Ahli defense. He was rewarded in the 50th minute with a penalty after being brought down in the penalty area. Naseeb sent Sadga the wrong way to bring the scores level.

Dallah Avco whips Asmara in local soccer

By a staff writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 14 — Dallah Avco powered to a 3-1 win over Asmara in the local soccer league last week, serving notice that a tough title defense could be expected from last year's top First Division team.

It was a strong finish in an otherwise evenly matched contest that led Dallah Avco to its victory.

The league, sponsored by the Saudi Danish Milk Company, began under the floodlights of Hochtiel's residential camp, and teams from all three divisions produced 20 goals in seven matches.

Last year's other division champion — a third grouping was added this year — didn't

fare as well as Dallah Avco. Saudia fell 2-0 to last year's Cup winner, Whittaker. The kicking of the Saudia players over referee's calls might have made the difference, with the team losing concentration and forfeiting several free-kicks. In other action, Hochtiel took an early lead over Friends of Jeddah Prep, but continual FOJP pressure brought two goals and victory.

In the Second Division, newcomers NJLA had a tremendous league debut beating the experienced Arabian Homes team 1-0. Sogex crushed Whittaker Villa 3-0, and Villa looks set to get even less points this season than they did last ... one.

Zahid just missed promotion last season

and its 3-1 downing of Dynasty was clear indication that it doesn't intend to remain in the Second Division next season.

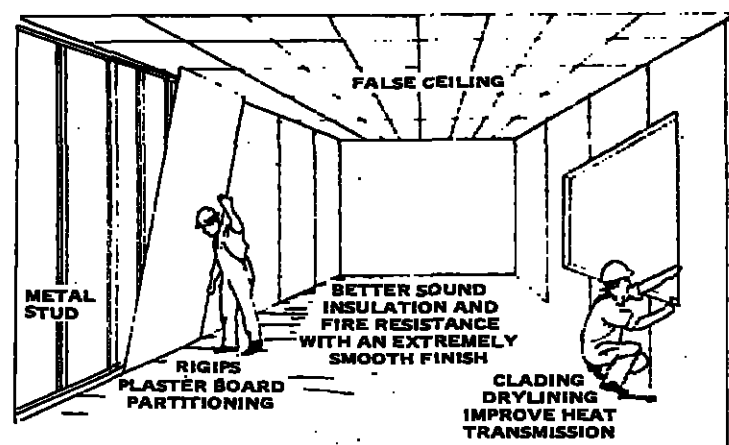
In Third Division action, a gentlemanly Scandinavia team held a one goal lead over a younger, fitter J&P side, but lack of match practice showed in the end with J&P winning 2-1.

Football action began Nov. 2, with the first round of the Jeddah League Cup Competition.

With teams from all divisions being drawn together, there were naturally some unusual scores. Saudia crushed Arabian Homes 10-2; Avco Dallah dumped NJLA 9-2 and Sogex put five goals past Whittaker Villa's keeper without reply.

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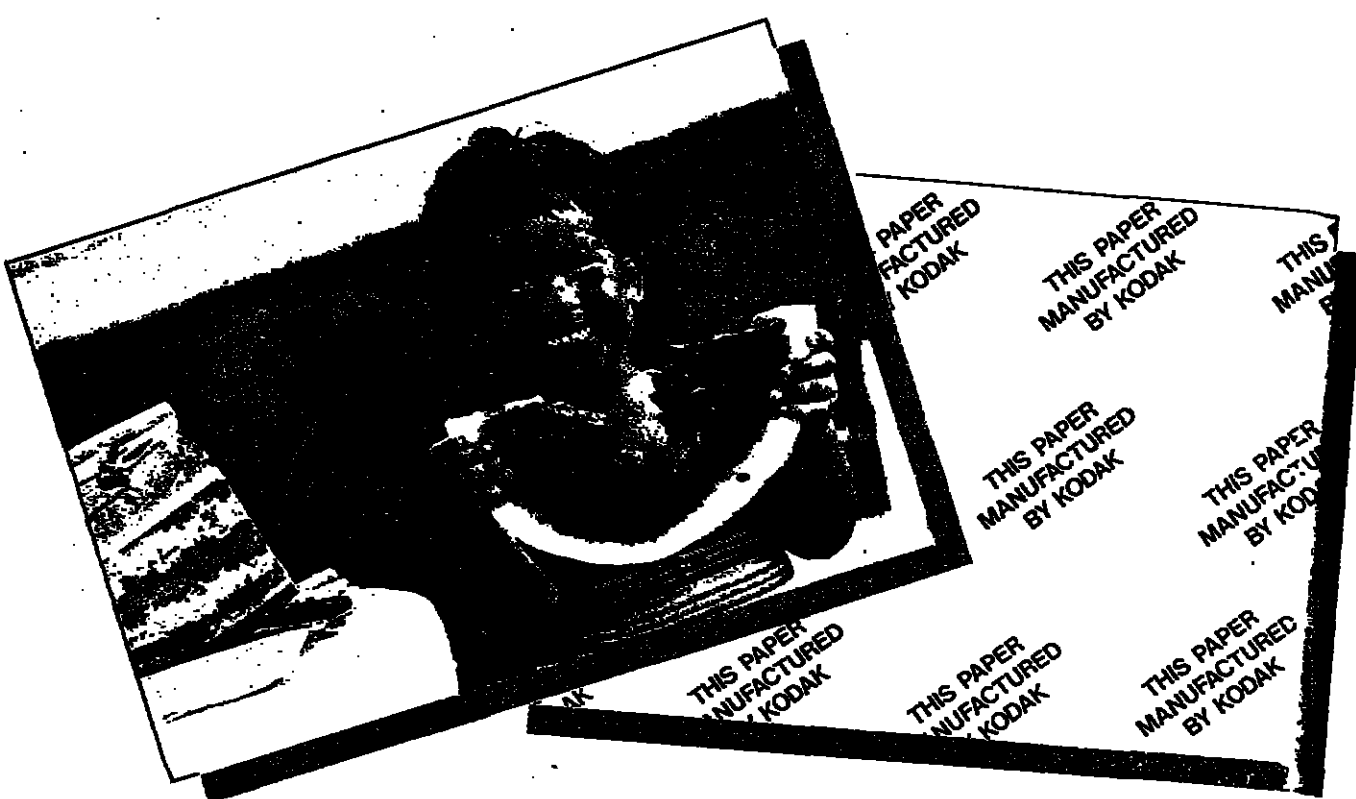


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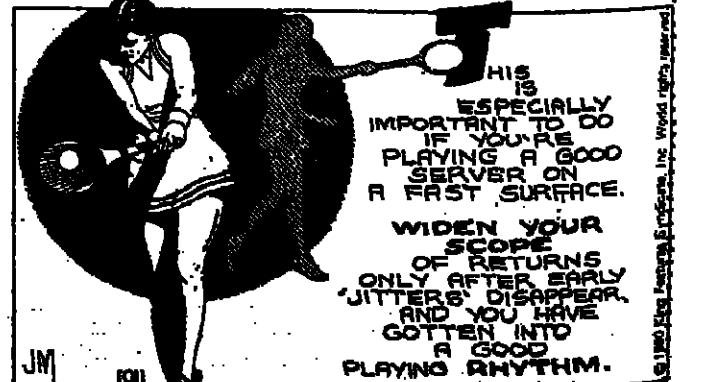
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3:50 Conclusion

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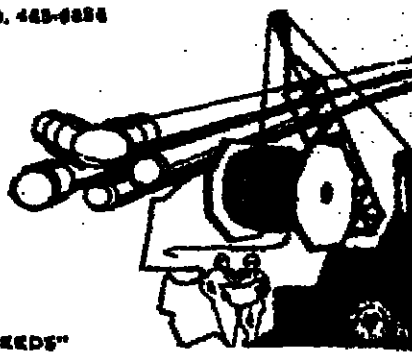
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Carter aides balk

Poland asks U.S. for \$3b

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (AP) — The Polish government, faced with paying off a huge foreign debt, falling production, labor unrest and chronic shortages, has asked the United States for \$3 billion in emergency aid, U.S. officials have said.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said nothing of that magnitude is being considered, primarily because of budgetary restraints. The Polish request was taken up at a top-level White House meeting three weeks ago but a decision was put off pending future

discussions, according to the officials.

Any short-term aid to Poland probably would be in the form of debt rescheduling, one official said, adding that the major decisions on the U.S. relationship with Poland probably would be left to the incoming administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan.

The official said the administration is reluctant to seek a substantial aid package from a Congress which will adjourn its current session shortly. Beyond that, he said, such agen-

cies as the Office of Management and Budget and the Treasury Department are opposed to any major aid outlays to Poland at this point.

The *Boston Globe*, which disclosed the Polish aid request in its Thursday edition, said Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski favor a package of short-term relief measures amounting to a few hundred million dollars.

One reason for the administration's reluctance to go along with the full Polish request is its difficulty in meeting existing commitments to other countries, including Turkey, Israel and Egypt, the official said. So far as is known, Reagan has said nothing about U.S. aid to Poland.

"It will be interesting to see whether Reagan views Poland as a Warsaw Pact enemy or as a country friendly to the United States and therefore deserving of U.S. assistance," one official said.

The main argument in favor of conferring aid on Poland is that it would help stabilize the economy and might thereby minimize the possibility of Soviet military intervention. That possibility has haunted Carter administration policymakers since last August when the country was gripped by widespread labor unrest.

Ironically, one of the consequences of the gains made by Polish workers since then is that the economic difficulties that sparked the strikes have been aggravated.

said. "We are totally out of touch as far as the substance of the problem."

Laingen, 57, of Washington, D.C., was reached by phone at the foreign ministry in Tehran where he and two other Americans are being held. Forty-nine other American diplomatic personnel also are being held in Iran since militants seized the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979.

The radio station was able to reach Laingen about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday (0530 GMT Wednesday) after several weeks of effort by producer Shawn Innom.

Laingen also said he was aware of the election of Ronald Reagan. "To some degree, some information is available to us," he said. "We know about the election. We wish the president (Reagan) well, we wish President Carter well."

Radio station calls hostage

SEATTLE, Nov. 14 (AP) — The senior U.S. diplomatic officer held hostage in Iran, reached in Tehran by telephone, said he and the other captives have been "exceedingly gratified" by the support of the American people during the past year.

But Bruce Laingen, in a phone conversation with KAYO talk-show host Laura Hall on Tuesday night, declined to comment when asked about current negotiations for the release of the 53 Americans.

"You see, Laura, I'm reluctant to speak in any way to the substance of the moment because of the sensitivity and delicacy of where we are," Laingen said. "I join you and all Americans in hoping it will produce results now."

"I'm in no position to speak to that," he



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Armed men hold 24 Belgian teens captive

BRUSSELS, Nov. 14 (AP) — Two men armed with a rifle, hand grenades and what looked like a bomb held 24 teen-agers from a Catholic school hostage Friday on a bus parked at the Belgian radio and television complex, and one of the men fired a shot, police said.

They said apparently no one was hit by the bullet, fired through the open bus door as the vehicle was being moved from one spot on the parking lot to another. The gunshot rang out shortly before police said food would be brought aboard the bus.

Police said the men demanded to meet with the general manager of the French-language station and be given a chance to speak on the radio with Belgium's King Baudouin. A radio reporter quoted one of the men as saying: "We are here because some people earn a mere 266 dollars per month whereas ministers earn 2,666 dollars."

The reporter said the men boarded the bus in Vielsalm, a small town in eastern Belgium where it was hired by a Catholic school to

bring the children to Brussels for a tour of the Belgian state radio and TV buildings. He said the bus was surrounded by police in plain clothes, and the entire district where the complex is located was cordoned off.

Belga said the children, aged between 15 and 16, were in the back of the bus, that the police were waiting in the parking lot when the bus arrived, and that security forces apparently were tipped in advance that there

was trouble aboard the bus. The men were known political extremists who had threatened to take hostages several months ago.

The Belgian news agency, Belga, reported the men were armed with a rifle, hand grenades, and a box containing tubes filled with a chemical that was not identified. The bus, painted bright orange, was parked in one of the lots behind the radio and TV complex. It

Biko treatment called inadequate

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 14 (AP) — The furor over the death in detention of Steve Biko was revived Thursday with the National Medical Association's declaration that the black nationalist had received "inadequate treatment" because of police interference.

Biko's death, Sept. 12, 1977, has caused this white-minority government more embarrassment than any other single incident.

Biko's family claimed he died of head injuries inflicted when police beat him during

an interrogation. Biko, 30, had been arrested under the country's wide-ranging anti-terrorism laws, which give police virtual carte blanche.

Police denied beating Biko, saying he had accidentally hit his head against the wall while police were subduing him when he became violent during questioning. But an additional controversy arose over why three doctors who examined Biko did not detect his ultimately fatal head injuries.

An investigation by the South African medical and dental council, which licenses doctors, was delayed until this year because of a Biko-family lawsuit against the government and a separate action by two of the doctors to block the probe.

The council decided in June that no action would be taken against the three doctors, prompting several universities and hundreds of doctors to protest. The protesters said the status of South African doctors internationally might suffer because of the failure to take action.

The medical association met in Cape Town in a special session Wednesday after hundreds of doctors reportedly threatened to quit the organization unless Dr. Benjamin Tucker was expelled for his conduct in the Biko case. Tucker was the only one of the three doctors involved in the case who belongs to the association.

But the association's national council said it had been advised by its lawyers that the case against Dr. Tucker could not be reopened without fresh evidence.

Equal-time rule lapses

TV rushes to book Reagan movies

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (AP) — Even before Ronald Reagan premieres as president, movies from his acting days have become hot television property.

One big distributor says stations in more than 80 American cities have already booked Reagan films during November and December, and another is finding a surprising level of interest overseas. With the long presidential campaign finally over, American television stations have been freed of the Federal Communications Commission ruling that kept Reagan's movies off the air for more than a year.

Those movies — he made more than 50 since 1937 — never enjoyed a reputation as classics. Many station executives, however, think Reagan as an actor now has more of a following. Washington's WDCW-TV Sunday aired *Hellcats of the Navy*, in which Reagan co-starred with his wife Nancy.

"We scheduled that movie even before the election," said the station's program director, Ed Jones. "The audience has not been able to see any of his movies for 18 months and we thought it would be nice if people could see one in its entirety." Jones station is not planning a Reagan film festival.

"That's the only one we have in our library," said Jones. "Reagan was never that much of a box office hit and I don't think his becoming president will make his movies any more attractive."

Other disagree. "There's been a tremend-

ous increase in interest," said Hellen Killen, director of advertising and promotion for United Artists Television Inc., which holds the rights to 35 Reagan films. "Stations have been bombarding our salesmen to book these films. You have to attribute it to the election. Here it is, an actor becoming president of the United States. A movie should almost be made of that."

Steve Weiss, a partner in Weiss Global Enterprises, says the demand has expanded overseas as well. "We've already closed deals in France, Germany, Italy, Argentina, Venezuela, Columbia and Spain," says Weiss of the two Reagan films his company owns, *Call the Queen of Montana* and *Tennessee's Partner*.

"There was nothing like this after he was elected governor (in California), and we really didn't see anything in 1976 after he ran for the Republican nomination," Weiss said.

It was during the 1976 primary season that the FCC ruled in a case involving Reagan that if a performer "is identifiable on the air" his political opponents are entitled to demand equal time.

Most broadcasters decided to drop Reagan's movie rather than face a flood of equal time requests. With the end of the campaign, the equal time law no longer applies. The surge of interest in Reagan's movie career will not enrich the new president. United Artist and Weiss Global Enterprises say Reagan no longer gets royalties from any of his films.



MOVIE STAR: Ronald Reagan appears in *Kasteel Rocker*, *All-American*, one of 35 Reagan films now showing on U.S. TV stations. Equal-time regulations kept them off the air during the election.

Kabul short on fuel

Afghan fighters halt Russian wood convoy

NEW DELHI, Nov. 14 (AP) — Afghan insurgents, apparently stepping up their campaign against supporters of the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul, reportedly killed seven officials and kidnapped nine others recently, and blocked a Russian convoy bringing badly needed wood to the beleaguered capital.

The anti-Marxist fighters attacked the home of a district official in Shakar Darah north of the capital early in the morning of Nov. 2 and killed the official and seven guests, according to a Kabul source who has been accurate in the past.

Three other government officials and two local members of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan were among the slain guests, said the source, who asked not to be identified.

A diplomatic source here also reported that the Muslim insurgents publicly hung a party official recently in the important northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif. The body was left hanging for several days until a squad of soldiers supported by tanks arrived to cut it down, said the diplomat, who also asked

anonymity. The Kabul source, meanwhile, said the fighters also raided the home of the district official in Qarabagh, also north of the capital, and spirited away the official and eight other members of the local government. They also seized a quantity of arms and ammunition in the raid.

Authorities closed the Qarabagh-Kabul Road for two days while the armed party searched for the missing officials, the source added. Several villagers were arrested, but the officials were not located.

The Mujahidin, or "holy warriors" as the insurgents call themselves, also blocked a convoy of 600 trucks bringing firewood to Kabul from the forests in Pakia province to the south, despite a costly effort by Soviet forces to clear the way, the Kabul source added.

Wood is a major source of fuel in Afghanistan, and a shortage in Kabul has forced the price up from 15 afghanis (about 38 cents) last winter to 50 afghanis (\$1.25) this winter for a seven-kilo "seer," the source said.

The insurgents wanted to punish the resi-

Soviets hit West's 'interference'

MADRID, Nov. 14 (AP) — The Soviet Union charged Friday "the so-called Afghanistan question" was a result of the West's stepping up of the arms race and warned against "interfering in the internal affairs of Afghanistan."

"We will not accept the casting of aspersions on this (Afghanistan), no matter where they come from," Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichev told the 35-nation European Security Conference.

In the first Soviet response to two days of Western attacks for its military incursion into Afghanistan last December, the chief Soviet delegate also denied Western charges the Soviet union had violated human rights provisions of the Helsinki agreements.

"The Soviet Union has continuously adhered to and respected human rights and fundamental freedoms," Ilyichev said.

In bringing up the defense of Soviet actions in Afghanistan, Ilyichev said "some forces... have attempted to shift hot spots of tension in the world to Europe." He added: "As for the so-called Afghanistan question... it is now high time to see the futility of interfering in the internal affairs of Afghanistan," in reference to Afghan insurgents fighting the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul.

Diamond earrings fetch record \$6m

GENEVA, Nov. 14 (AP) — A pair of diamond earrings were sold for \$6,647,059 at a Sotheby's auction Thursday night, the highest price ever paid for any work of art or jewelry at an auction.

The two large pear-shaped diamonds, weighing 58.6 and 61.8 carats and suspended from "smaller" diamonds weighing 5.6 and 5.9 carats, come from a "private European collector," according to Sotheby's adding that they were sold to a "leading international professional diamond buyer."

While refusing to divulge the owner's identity, as is customary in such sales, Sotheby's firmly denied a French press report that the diamond earrings belonged to the widow of Shah Reza Pahlavi, Empress Farah Diba.

The Iranian ambassador to Switzerland, Gholam Ali Farivar, said that Iran's government commission in charge of "recovering the Shah's stolen property" is investigating the French report. But he added he doubted they were part of the Iranian crown jewels. "To my knowledge," he said, "these are being kept in the vaults of the Central Bank

of Iran."

The previous highest auction price for a single lot of jewelry was \$1.55 million for a pair of drop-shaped diamonds at a Geneva sale by Christie's in November 1973.

Gold prices drop

LONDON, Nov. 14 (AP) — The dollar rose slightly on world money markets Friday, while gold prices mostly declined. London's five bullion houses fixed the morning gold price at \$415.70 a troy ounce, down from \$420.50 late Thursday.

In Zurich gold traded at a median \$415.50 an ounce, down from \$422.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$417.83, up 49 cents.

Silver was quoted in London at \$18.58 an ounce, down from \$18.65.

In London, the pound was worth \$2.4155, down from \$2.4180 on Thursday. Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar closed the week at 212.65 yen, up from 211.80 Thursday but slightly below its value a week ago when it closed at 213.20.



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